WEEK OF 1-5-98

CAPTAINS OF ECCC DIAMOND WARRIORS

Brian Hardy (left) of Philadelphia and Ron Perkins of Louisville will serve as co-captains of the 1998 East Central Community College Diamond Warriors. The Warriors, who had a record-breaking 40 wins and 18 losses last year, begin regular season action at 1 p.m. Saturday, February 14, at Bevill State in Fayette, Alabama. Jamie Clark is in his 10th year as head coach of the ECCC baseball team. Serving as assistant coaches are Neal Holliman of Aliceville, Alabama, and Lee Eady of Newton.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER ✓
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER
CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF Jan. 21, 1998

ECCC TEAMS SWEEP HINDS; SPILT DECISIONS WITH JONES

DECATUR--East Central Community College teams split decisions with Jones County January 15 and swept Hinds on January 13 in basketball action last week.

The Warriors, now 9-8 overall and 2-3 in South Division competition, out-scored Jones 64-59 behind the 22-point effort of sophomore Gilberto Venzen of Dodge County, Georgia. Other scorers were Ken Russell, 13, of Newton County; Danielle Johnson, 12, of Dodge County, Georgia; Bobby Carter, 11, of Noxapater; and Herbert Montgomery, six, of Acadiana, Louisiana.

East Central led 32-27 at halftime.

In women's action, the Lady Warriors, now 11-5 and 3-2, were not as fortunate, falling 71-68. East Central pointmakers were Jamie Floyd, 19, of Smackover, Arkansas; Nicole Barrett, 18, of Morton; Charissa Williams, 17, of Terrebonne,

Continued next page

Louisiana; Wendy Mapp, six, of Newton County; and Sharae Brown of Scott Central and Marina Carter of Philadelphia, four each.

Jones led 34-33 at halftime.

Both ECCC teams posted wins over Hinds, as the Warriors claimed a 60-53 decision and the Lady Warriors cruised to a 76-49 victory.

Warriors scorers were Venzen, 17; Montgomery, 13; Brian Hillie, seven, of Newton; Johnson, five; Ray Waddell of Philadelphia, Toronto Parker of Forest and Tim Overstreet of Carthage, four each; and Desmond Reed of Carthage, Keith Bell of Choctaw Central and Russell, two each.

East Central led 35-33 at halftime.

Lady Warrior pointmakers were Barrett, 20; Floyd, 10; Brown and Denise Chapman of Newton, nine each; Mapp and Williams, seven each; Carter, five; Ellake Murray, three of Scott Central; and Sonya Pinkston of Forest, Tina Edwards and Artress Ruggs, both of Vigor, Alabama, two each.

East Central led 34-19 at halftime.

In games this week, East Central will host Co-Lin on Tuesday, Jan. 20 and Pearl River on Thursday, Jan. 22. The Warriors and Lady Warriors travel to Southwest on Monday, January 26.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER X
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES _____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL _____
CLARION-LEDGER _____
CARTHAGINIAN _____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT _____
NEWTON RECORD _____
MERIDIAN STAR _____

WEEK OF Jan 28, 1998

ECCC assistant baseball coaches

Lee Eady of Newton (left) and Neal Holliman of Aliceville, Alabama, are serving as assistant coaches for the East Central Community College Diamond Warriors. Eady, in his first year as assistant coach, is a graduate of ECCC and the University of Mississippi and was a member of the 1992 and 1993 Diamond Warrior squads. Prior to joining the EC staff, he was employed with Thames Induserve in Newton. Holliman was a pitcher for the Meridian Brakemen professional baseball team prior to joining the ECCC staff. A graduate of Pickens Academy and the University of West Alabama, Holliman is a former Alabama Independent Schools Association "Player of the Year." He is also serving his first year as assistant coach. The Warriors, who had a record-breaking 40 wins and 18 losses last year, begin regular season action at 1 p.m. Saturday, February 14, at Bevill State in Fayette, Alabama. Jamie Clark, who begins his eleventh season this year, serves as head coach of the Warrior baseball team. (EC photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES X
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Jan 28, 1998

Stewart to play for ECCC Diamond Warriors

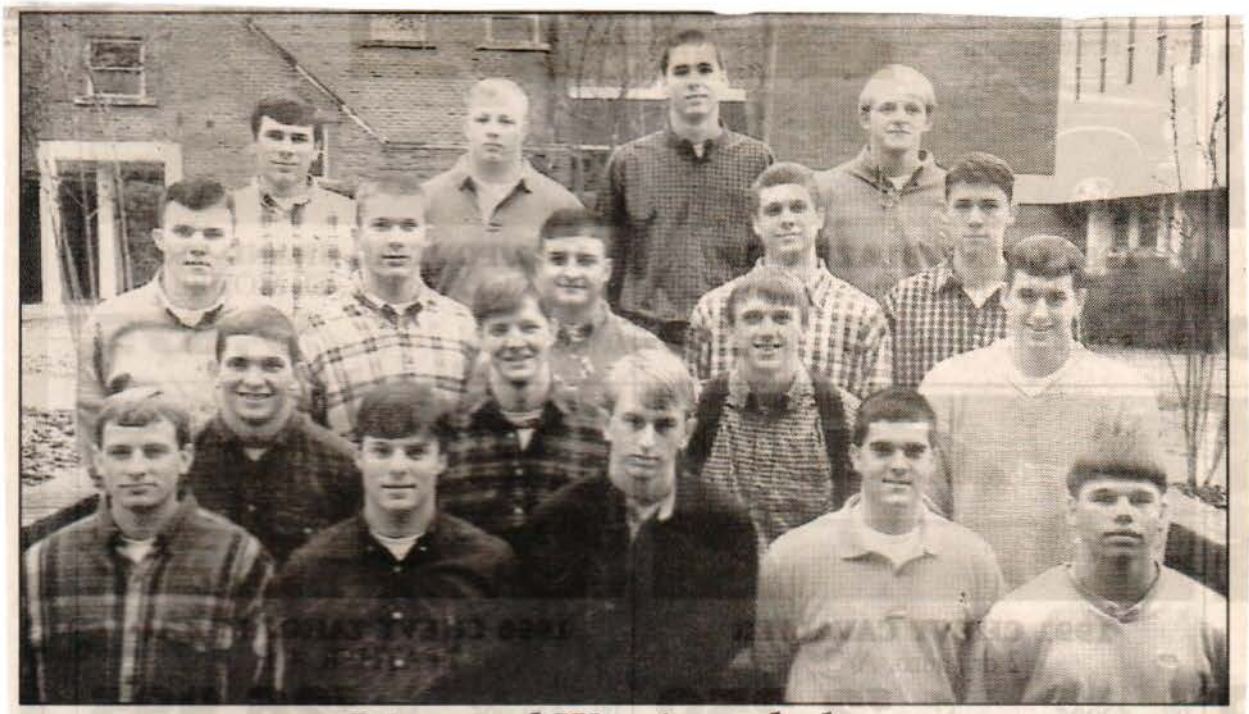
Ben Stewart (seated), a senior at Scott Central High School, has become the first baseball player in the history of that school to sign with a college team. Stewart has signed a letter of intent to play baseball for the East Central Community College Diamond Warriors. Present at the signing ceremony were: (from left) Cheryl McGee, Rickie McGee, East Central coach Jamie Clark, Dewayne Stewart and Scott Central baseball head coach Will Boswell.(Times staff photo by David Hawkins)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES X
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Jan 28, 1998



Diamond Warrior scholars

These members of the East Central Community College baseball team received special recognition for earning 3.0 or above grade point averages for the 1997 fall semester. Pictured are (first row, from left) Jay McLendon, Humphreys Academy; Ron Perkins, Louisville; Rusty Cumberland, Neshoba Central; Brian Hardy, Philadelphia; and Dustin Mathews, Claiborne (Louisiana) Christian Academy; (second row, from left) Joey Smith, Newton County High School; Linzy Gressett, Carthage; Joey Allen, Junction City (Arkansas) High School; and Jason Willis, Neshoba Central; (third row, from left) P. J. Pearson, Newton County; Scott Townsend, Jena (Louisiana) High School; Zach Sanders, Neshoba Central; Dennis McDill, Leake Academy; and Bo Burkes, Neshoba Central; and (fourth row, from left) Justin Chaney, Newton County; Chad Champion, Holt (Alabama) High School; Dan Gressett, Lake; and Scott Stephens, Northeast Lauderdale. The Diamond Warriors are led by head coach Jamie Clark. (EC photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES___X___
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Feb 4, 1998

Shumaker to play baseball for East Central

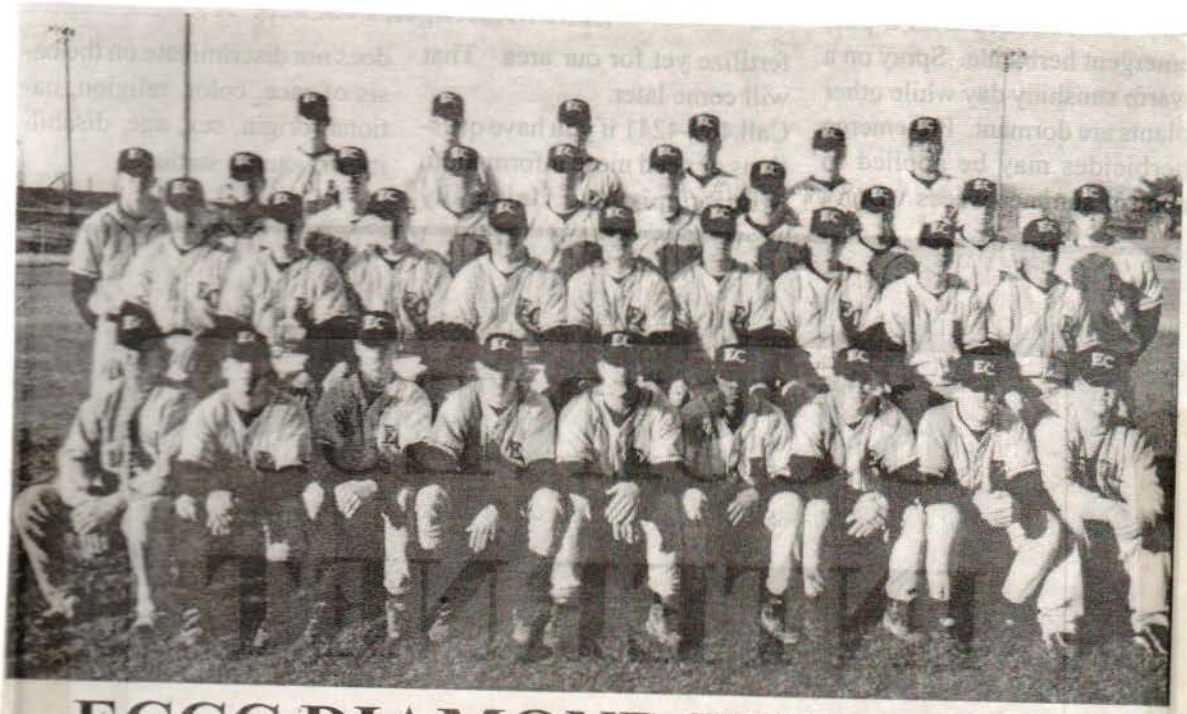
Michael Shumaker (seated), a Forest High School senior, has signed an National Letter of Intent to play baseball for the East Central Community College Diamond Warriors.Pictured at the signing ceremony were: Standing (from left) Bobby and Faith Shumaker, Forest High School baseball coach Alan Atkison and East Central Community College coach Jamie Clark. (Times staff photo by David Hawkins)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES X
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Feb 11, 1998



ECCC DIAMOND WARRIORS

Ready to begin the 1998 campaign are these members of the East Central Community College baseball team who include (first row, from left) manager Mott Stewart, Louisville; catcher Dustin Mathews, Monroe, Louisiana; infielder Casey Skelton, Louisville; pitcher Rusty Cumberland, Philadelphia; infielder Clark Tyson, Jonesboro, Louisiana; outfielder Bo Grace, Meridian; catcher Joey Smith, Philadelphia; pitcher P.J. Pearson, Decatur; and manager Jesse Vanetten, Hillsboro; (second row, from left) pitcher Danny Rushing, Edinburg; pitcher Brian Hardy, infielder B.J. Morrow and outfielder Zach Sanders, all of Philadelphia; infielder Ron Perkins, Louisville; outfielder Eric Weaver, Newton; infielder Jay McLendon, Belzoni; infielder Justin Chaney, Little Rock; and catcher Brodie Matthews, Brandon; (third row, from left) pitcher Joey Allen, Junction City, Arkansas; pitcher Seth Hebert, New Iberia, Louisiana; pitcher Dennis McDill, Philadelphia; pitcher Scott Stephens, Meridian; infielder Bo Burkes, Philadelphia; pitcher Dan Gressett, Lake; infielder Jason Willis, Philadelphia; outfielder Chad Champion, Holt, Alabama; outfielder Paul Clearman, Philadelphia; and outfielder Greg Wood, Decatur; and (fourth row, from left) pitcher Chris Tullos, Union; infielder Michael Hall, Carthage; outfielder Linzy Gressett, Carthage; assistant coaches Neal Holliman and Lee Eady, and head coach Jamie Clark.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER X
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF Feb 11, 1998

LHS's Lee Martin signs scholarship with ECCC "Diamond Warriors"

Pictured at the signing are, front, Lee Martin, from left, back row, Coach Randy Martin, Jamie Martin, Baseball Coach Wyatt Tullos and ECCC Basbeball Coach Jamie Clark

LHS--Senior Lee Martin inked a scholarship with East Central Community College of Decatur Thursday, February 5, 1998, to play baseball for the Warriors.

Martin, who is a three sport, football, basketball and baseball, letterman at Lake High School, signed the scholarship Thursday as his mom and dad, Jamie and Coach Randy Martin looked on (picture at left). Coach Wyatt Tullos, Lake High School Baseball Coach and ECCC Baseball Coach Jamie Clark were on hand as well.

It was announced last week that Martin will also be participating in the Bernard Blackwell Football All Star Classic in Clinton July 24, 1998. Martin was an offensive and defensive stand-out for the Hornets this year.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER X
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF Feb 16, 1998

East Central Community College splits with Bevill State in '98 opener

From **Staff Reports**

The East Central Community College Warriors opened the 1998 junior college baseball season with a doubleheader split at Bevill State, Ala. on Saturday.

In the opener, ECCC led 9-6 before Bevill State erupted for four runs in the seventh inning to post a 10-9 win.

In the finale, ECCC posted a 6-3 win.

East Central will host East Mississippi Tuesday at 3 p.m.

In the opener, Jay McLendon had a homer, a single and three runs batted in. Greg Wood added a double, two singles and 4 RBI.

Clark Tyson, 0-1, took the loss for the Warriors.

In the second game, McLendon and Ron Perkins banged out two singles each, while Brodie Meadows and Jason Willis each hit a double.

Dan Gressett, 1-0, picked up the win on the mound.

• **Alabama 8, Houston 4:** G.W. Keller hit a three-run home run in the eighth inning Sunday to lead Alabama to an 8-4 win over Houston.

Jonathan Blankenship (1-0) picked up his first win for Alabama (3-0). In 5 1-3 innings of relief, Blankenship allowed two hits and one run, walked two and struck out six.

The win was Alabama's third in the three-game series.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR X

WEEK OF Feb 20, 1998

Holmes tomahawks East Central Warriors

From **Staff Reports**

ECCC Baseball

East Central Community College evened its JuCo record at 2-2 Thursday after falling to Holmes Community College 14-4 on the road.

Pitcher Brian Hardy took the loss. His record fell to 0-1 for the season.

ECCC gave up 21 hits and committed six errors in the contest.

One of the team's bright spots, however, was former Meridian High School athlete Bo Grace. He slammed a three-run homer for ECCC — just one of five hits the team collected in the game.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR___X___

WEEK OF March 3 1998

ECCC announces baseball signings

Sports Digest

Several area high school baseball players have signed national letters of intent to continue their athletic careers at East Central Community College announced ECCC head coach jamie Clark.

Signees include University Christian second baseman/shortstop Charlie Welch, Winston Academy shortstop/second baseman Josh Miles, Neshoba Central shortstop Brent Paige, Scott Central left-handed pitcher Be Stewart, Philadelphia High shortstop/second baseman Josh Hardy, Forest High catcher Michael Shumaker and Lake High outfielder Lee Martin.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR___X___

WEEK OF March 4, 1998

ECCC Pitchers

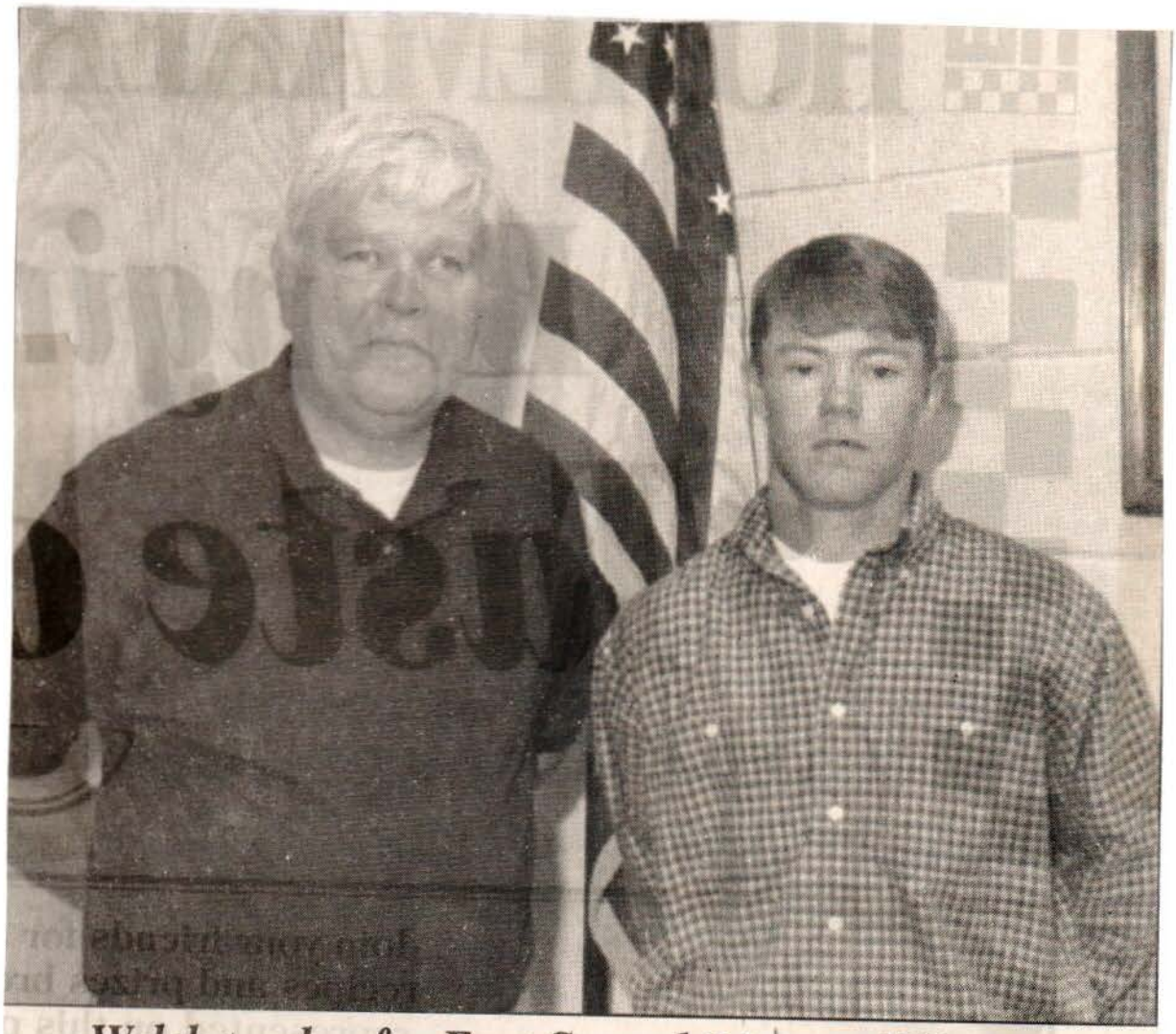
DECATUR--Pitchers on the East Central Community College baseball team for the 1998 campaign include (kneeling from left) Danny rushing, Edinburg; Rusty Cumberland and Brian Hardy, both of Philadelphia; Clark Tyson, Jonesoboro, Arkansas; Chris Tullos, Union; Chad Champion, Holt, Alabama; and (standing from left) Joey Allen, Junction City, Arkansas; Bo Burkes, Philadelphia; Scott Stephens, Meridian; Dan Gressett, Lake; Jason Willis and Dennis McDill, both of Philadelphia; P.J. Pearson, Decatur; and Sth Hebert,New Iberia, Louisiana. The Diamond Warriors are led by head coach Jamie Clark.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER X
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF March 4, 1998



Welch to play for East Central Diamond Warriors

Charlie Welch (right) of Morton, a senior at University Christian School, has signed a National Letter of intent to play baseball for the East Central Community College Diamond Warriors. The second baseman batted .385 last season and has played baseball since eighth grade. Charlie is the son of Ann and John Ryan of Morton. He is pictured with UCS baseball coach Doug Shanks.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES X
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF March 13, 1998

Mississippi Delta holds off ECCC

From **Staff, Wire Reports**

The Mississippi Delta Community College Trojans scored five runs in the first and three more in the third, then held off the East Central Community College Warriors 12-8 Thursday afternoon in Decatur in junior college baseball action.

Trailing 12-4, ECCC tallied four times in the bottom of the ninth to cut the deficit to 12-8.

Timmy Renfroe, 2-2, picked up the win for Mississippi Delta. Jason Willis, 1-2, took the loss for East Central.

Offensively, the Trojans outhit the Warriors 17-10. Justin Casano, Brooke Henderson and Jeremy Winborne each collected doubles for Mississippi Delta.

Willis had a home run for ECCC, while Bo Grace, Joey Smith, Justin Chaney and Rusty Cumberland added doubles for the Warriors.

ECCC falls to 10-8, while Mississippi Delta improves to 7-7. ECCC plays a doubleheader at Itawamba today.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR____X____

WEEK OF March 16, 1998

ECCC edges Northwest

From **Staff Reports**

Greg Wood and Jason Willis each collected two singles and hit a home run Sunday afternoon to lead the East Central Community College Warriors to a 14-12 win against homestanding Northwest Mississippi Community College in junior college baseball action.

Wood's homer was his seventh of the season, while Willis' homer was his fourth of the year.

Brodie Meadows added a double and his fourth home run of the season. Joey Smith hit his first home run of the season for the Warriors.

Dustin Mathews, Jay McLendon, Justin Chaney and Bo Grace collected two singles each in the win.

Chris Tullos pitched three innings of relief to notch the win. He improved to 2-2 on the season.

With the win, ECCC improves to 13-10 on the season. ECCC led the second game 2-0 in the second inning when it was called because of rain.

The Warriors, 2-0 in South Division play, travel to Hinds Tuesday for a South Division contest.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF March 18 1998

Keeping him honest

East Central Community College first baseman Chad Champion keeps a runner from straying too far on this pickoff play in a recent game at Decatur. The Warriors ran their record to 13-10 with a 14-12 win at Northwest Sunday. Jason Willis and Greg Wood each had a pair of singles and a home run, while Chris Tullos (2-2) got the win with three innings of relief. Brodie Meadows and Joey Smith also homered for EC.

Prep and Juco Baseball Schedules

Wednesday, March 18
No games scheduled

Thursday, March 19
Winston at Leake (DH), 4:00

Friday, March 20
Philadelphia at Union, 6:30
Neshoba Central at Kosciusko
Ackerman at Choctaw Central, 3:30
Jackson State (Tenn.) at East Central CC, 3:00

Saturday, March 21
Carthage at Philadelphia (DH), 11:00
Neshoba Central at Noxapater, 11:00
Union at Nanih Waiya, 1:00
Leake at Sylva-Bay, 12:00
Jones at East Central CC (DH), 1:00

Sunday, March 22
No games scheduled

Monday, March 23
No games scheduled

Tuesday, March 24
Philadelphia at Ackerman, 7:00
Neshoba Central at Wingfield, 5:30
Choctaw Central at West Lowndes, 6:00
Starkville at Leake, 6:00
Union at B.L. Moor, 4:00

Wednesday, March 25
East Central CC at Gulf Coast (DH), 4:00

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT X
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF March 24, 1998

Warriors split with Hinds C.C.

By **Mike Grubb**
The Meridian Star

East Central Community College's Greg Wood became the school's all-time career home run leader Monday after hitting three homers as the Warriors split a South Division double-header at Hinds Community College.

Wood hit two home runs as the Warriors dropped a 10-7 decision in the opener. He came back to hit a home run and a single in the finale as ECCC took an 11-5 win to earn a split of the twin-bill.

For the season, Wood has 11 home runs. For his career, Wood has a school-record 20 home runs.

• **Hinds 10, ECCC 7 (Game 1):** Wood staked ECCC to a 3-0 with a three-run homer in the top of the first inning. Unfortunately, Hinds rallied to take a 10-7 win.

Brodie Meadows had two hits for ECCC.

Chad Champion, 2-2, took the loss on the mound for the Warriors.

• **ECCC 11, Hinds 5 (Game 2):** Justin Chaney banged out four singles, while Dustin Mathews had a double and a single in ECCC's win. Wood added a homer and a single.

Brian Hardy, 2-2, got the win in relief. ECCC (16-12, 5-1) plays at Gulf Coast Wednesday.

APPEARED IN:
LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR___X___

WEEK OF 4-2-98

East Central plays hardball

❑ Warriors play six road games DH in eight days

East Central Community College's Diamond Warriors maintained their second-place standing in South Division action following a weekend split with homestanding Pearl River on Saturday, March 28.

East Central, 17-15 overall and 6-4 in league play, won the first game 2-0 and dropped the second 6-0.

The PRC series was the final one of a six-game road trip, in which the Warriors dropped a double-header to Gulf Coast, March 25, and split decisions with Hinds on March 17.

The highlight of the road trip was the record-setting performance of Greg Wood. He slapped three home runs over the six games, giving him 20 for his career. He broke the previous record of 18 in a career set by Brandon Williams.

In the first game at PRC, Jason Willis got the win as he fanned four batters and allowed only three hits. Wood was the leading hitter with two singles, and Chad Champion added a double.

Linzy Gresset of Carthage was driven in by one of the Wood singles in the seventh inning.

Brian Hardy took the loss in the second game against Pearl River, while for the Warriors Justin Chaney and Bo Grace each had a pair of hits, and Dustin Mathews popped a double.

In the two losses to Gulf Coast, Hardy took the first one and Dan Gresset was assessed the second loss.

In the opening game, Mathews dinged a homer and a pair of singles. In the second game, Jay McLendon collected three hits, Joey Smith had a triple, and doubles were made by Willis, Meadows and Matthews.

In the Hinds series, East Central lost the opening game 10-7 but won the nightcap 11-5.

Champion took the loss, but Wood's got stupid with the bat as he hit two homers and collected five RBI's. Meadows added two hits to the cause.

Wood collected his eleventh homer in the second game and added a single. Willis also homered and drove in a second run.

Although they've lost top starter Seth Herbert and closer Clark Tyson, head coach Jamie Clark said the Diamond Warriors are still in the playoff hunt.

"We lead Jones by two games for the second regional playoff spot, and lead Co-Lin by one game in the state playoff chase. If we were to get our pitchers back, our chances would improve considerably. We are just two games out of first behind Gulf Coast, and even though we have had our share of injuries we are in the thick of things like we have been with four weeks to go," Clark said.

Clark went on to say that he felt his team would be in good shape if they could return their injured players by the end of the season.

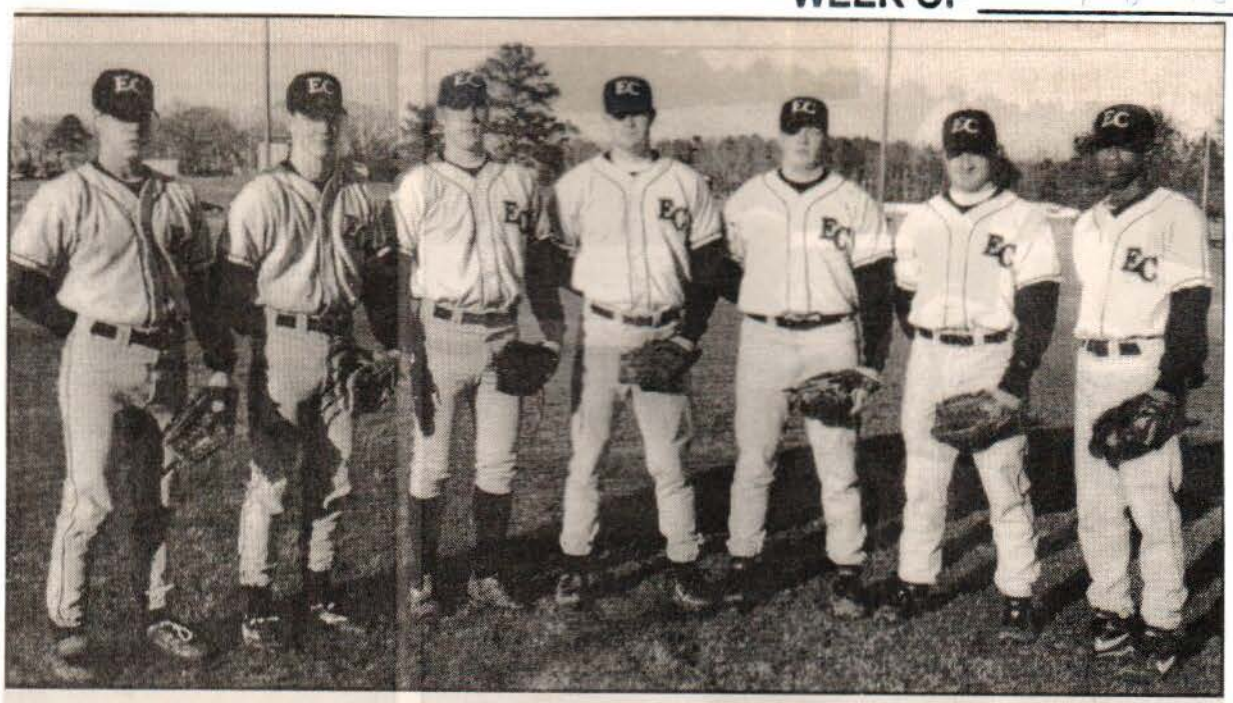
The Diamond Warriors survived their toughest road swing of the season and now prepare to host a number of games over the next two weeks starting on Saturday.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN X
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 4-8-98



ECCC PITCHERS - Pitchers on the East Central Community College baseball team for the 1998 campaign include (kneeling from left) Danny Rushing, Edinburg; Rusty Cumberland and Brian Hardy, both of Philadelphia; Clark Tyson, Jonesbror, Arkansas; Chris Tullos, Union; Chad Champion, Holt, Alabama; and (standing from left) Joey Allen, Junctiion City, Arkansas; Bo Burkes, Philadelphia; Scott Stephens, Meridian; Dan Gressett, Lake; Jason Willis and Dennis McDill, both of Philadelphia; P.J. Pearson, Decatur; and Seth Hebert, New Iberia, Louisiana. The Diamond Warriors are led by head coach Jamie Clark. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD X
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 4-8-98

Diamond Warriors Sweep Southwest

A double-header sweep of conference foe Southwest has moved East Central's Diamond Warriors to within one game of league-leading Gulf Coast.

East Central, which claimed 7-1 and 4-1 victories over the host Bears Saturday afternoon, improved to 19-15 overall and 8-4 in South Division play.

Freshman hurler Jason Willis of Philadelphia went the distance in game one, improving his record to 5-2. Willis fanned seven, walked two and allowed just four hits in the 7-1 victory.

After a Southwest homer gave the Bears a 1-0 lead, East Central rallied for three runs in the sixth and took control of the division matchup. Freshman Brodie Meadows of Brandon gave EC the lead for good when his two-run homer also scored sophomore Jay McLendon of Belzoni who earlier singled. Willis later singled and scored in the inning.

East Central padded its lead in the seventh when sophomore Eric Weaver of Newton tallied on a single by sophomore Ron Perkins of Louisville, followed by Meadows' bases-loaded triple which scored Perkins, McLendon and Dustin Matthews of Monroe.

Sophomore Dan Gressett of Lake got the win in game two, improving his record to 6-1. In claiming the 4-1 decision, Gressett fanned seven, walked one and allowed seven hits.

Southwest carried a first-inning 1-0 lead to the fourth when sophomore slugger Greg Wood of Decatur tied the contest with his 12th homer of the season and 21st round-tripper as a Diamond Warrior. Wood, a product of Newton County High School, set a school record for homers earlier against Hinds when he collected his 20th dinger.

The division battle remained tied through the seventh and went into extra innings, when Matthews broke the deadlock with his lead-off homer in the eighth. Freshman Chad Champion of Holt, Alabama, later doubled, scoring Michael Hall of Carthage and Joey Allen of Junction City, Arkansas. East Central maintained its 4-1 advantage behind the pitching of sophomore Chris Tullos who came in relief for Gressett in the eighth and was credited with the save.

East Central faces another tough week of action, as the Diamond Warriors travel to Delta on April 7; host Co-lin in makeup games beginning at 3 p.m. Thursday, April 9; and entertain Hinds starting at 1 p.m. Friday, April 10. East Central journeys to Jones on Tuesday, April 14, in competition that gets underway at 4 p.m. in Ellisville. All games are double-headers.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD X

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 4-8-98

Warriors hope to catch pennant fever

By MARTY STAMPER
Democrat Sports Editor

Halfway through the 1998 junior college baseball season, the Warriors of East Central are basically right where they want to be.

After Saturday's 7-1, 4-1 South Division sweep at Southwest, EC trails league-leading Gulf Coast by only one game.

Gulf Coast has to travel to Decatur on April 18 for a doubleheader.

The Warriors entered this week with a 19-15 overall record and an 8-4 showing in the South Division. Gulf Coast is 9-3 in league play.

"We have eight of our last 12 conference games at home," EC coach Jamie Clark said. "That ought to be worth something.

"We're two games ahead of Hinds and Co-Lin for the state tournament and four ahead of Jones for the region tournament.

"Right now, it looks like the Warriors are right back in the middle of it again."

Jason Willis (5-2) tossed a five-hit complete game in Saturday's 7-1 win at Southwest. In his last 14 innings, the Neshoba Central grad has given up only one run and it was unearned. Willis struck out seven and walked two.

Willis also had a home run, his seventh of the season.

Jamie Clark

Brodie Meadows had a two-run homer for the Warriors in the three-run sixth inning.

The Warriors needed an extra inning to complete the sweep. EC scored three times in the top of the eighth to give Dan Gressett (6-1) the win.

Dustin Matthews led off the eighth with a homer to give the Warriors the lead for good.

Chad Champion added a two-run double that plated Michael Hall and Joey Allen for some insurance.

Gressett struck out seven and walked only one in tossing a seven-hitter.

Chris Tullos tossed the bottom of the eighth for his third save.

Greg Wood hit his 12th homer of the season and the 21st of his career in the nightcap.

The Warriors have been playing shorthanded for much of the season. Top pitcher Seth Hebert went down with an arm injury in the second inning of the very first game.

Top closer, Clark Tyson, has missed several weeks due to tricep injury in his right arm.

Both are expected to return to the lineup soon.

"We expect to get Hebert back by the end of the week," Clark said. "That's got to help us down the stretch and Tyson had seven saves in our first 12 wins. He also plays third base."

Pitching has helped the Warriors stay in the playoff hunt.

"It's true the league is not quite as good as it's been in recent years, but our No. 2 pitchers, Willis and Gressett, are as good as anybody's," Clark said.

This week could go a long way toward settling the Warriors' playoff situation. They will host Copiah-Lincoln in a South Division doubleheader on Thursday beginning at 3 p.m.

On Friday, EC will host Hinds in another division doubledip beginning at 1 p.m.

Other remaining league games are at Jones on Tuesday (April 14), against Pearl River on April 22 in Decatur, and at Co-Lin on April 25.

APPEARED IN:
LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 4-8-98

EC Diamond Warriors defeat Southwest CC

The East Central Community College Diamond Warriors completed a double-header sweep of conference foe Southwest and moved the Warriors to within one game of league-leading Gulf Coast.

East Central, which claimed 7-1 and 4-1 victories over the host Bears Saturday afternoon, improved to 19-15 overall and 8-4 in South Division play. Gulf Coast's division mark now stands at 9-3 following a weekend split with Co-Lin.

Freshman hurler Jason Willis of Philadelphia went the distance for EC in game one, improving his record to 5-2. Willis fanned seven, walked two and allowed just four hits in the 7-1 victory.

After a Southwest homer gave the Bears a 1-0 lead, East Central rallied for three runs in the sixth and took control of the division matchup. Freshman Brodie Meadows of Brandon gave EC the lead for good when his two-run homer also scored sophomore Jay McClendon of Belzoni who earlier singled. Willis later singled and scored in the inning.

East Central padded its lead in the seventh when sophomore Eric Weaver of Newton tallied on a single by sophomore Ron Perkins of Louisville, followed by Meadows' bases-loaded triple which score Perkins, McClendon and Dustin Matthews of Monroe.

Sophomore Dan Gressett of Lake got the win in game two, improving his record to 6-1. In claiming the 4-1 decision, Gressett fanned seven, walked one and allowed seven hits.

Southwest carried a first-inning 1-0 lead to the fourth when sophomore slugger Greg Wood of Decatur tied the contest with his twelfth homer of the season and 21st round tripper as a Diamond Warrior. Wood, a product of Newton County High School, set a school record for homers earlier against Hinds when he collected his 20th dinger.

The division battle remained tied through the seventh and went into extra innings, when Matthews broke the deadlock with his lead-off homer in the eighth. Freshman Chad Chapion of Holt, Alabama, later doubled, scoring Michael Hall of Carthage and Joey Allen of Junction City, Arkansas. East Central maintained its 4-1 advantage behind the pitching of Sophomore Chris Tullos who came in relief for Gressett in the eighth and was credited with the save.

East Central faces another tough week of action, as the Diamond Warriors travel to Delta on April 7; host Co-Lin in makeup games beginning at 3 p.m. Thursday, April 9; and entertain Hinds starting at 1 p.m. Friday, April 10. East Central journeys to Jones on Tuesday, April 14, in competition that gets under way at 4 p.m. in Ellisville. All games are double-headers.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 4-15-98

ECCC Sweeps Co-Lin

Playoff picture Still Unclear

When East Central Community College swept Co-Lin in a makeup doubleheader on April 9, the Diamond Warriors appeared ready to break away from a cluster of division teams battling for playoff contention. But a double-header loss to visiting Hinds the following day put the ECCC squad back within the mix of division foes trying to qualify for post-season play.

East Central, 22-17 overall and 10-6 in the South Division as of April 13, trails league-leading Gulf Coast (12-6) but remains ahead of Co-Lin (8-*, Hinds (9-8), Pearl River (9-9), Jones (6-10) and Southwest (6-12). The Diamond Warriors face a demanding regular season ending division schedule, with road games against Jones (April 14) and Copiah-Lincoln (April 25). All games are double-headers.

In the sweep of Co-Lin on April 9, the Diamond Warriors posted scores of 8-2 and 6-4, respectively.

Freshman Jason Willis of Philadelphia got the win in game one, as his record improved to 6-2. Willis fanned 10, walked two and allowed just four hits in registering the victory. At one point during the division matchup, Willis fanned seven-straight Co-Lin batters.

Leading hitters for East Central were Greg Wood of Decatur, home run; Dustin Matthews of Monroe, Louisiana, and Eric Weaver of Newton, doubles each; Chad Champion of Holt, Alabama and Ron Perkins of Louisville, two singles each; and Brodie Meadows of Brandon and Willis, singles each. Wood's dinger - a two-run blast in the first inning - marked his 13th of the season and ties the school record previously set by Marcus Thames of Louisville. Wood, a product of Newton County High School, earlier set a career record for home runs at East Central, which now stands at 22.

In game two, hurler Dan Gressett got the win, as his record improved to 7-4. Gressett struck out four, walked two and allowed seven hits. Chris Tullos of Union came in relief the final two innings and was credited with the save.

The Diamond Warriors were led offensively by Willis, home run and single; Bo Grace of Meridian, Mathews and Meadows, doubles each; Clark Tyson of Jonesboro, Arkansas, two singles; and Jay McLendon of Belzoni, single. Willis' homer - a two-run blast - came in the four-run third inning.

East Central lost a double-header to Hinds on April 10 by scores of 13-3 and 6-5 respectively.

In the first contest, which was called after five innings, Champion took the loss on the mound as his record dipped to 2-3.

Leading hitters for East Central were Willis, home run and single; Tyson, home run; Matthews, double; and Meadows, single. Willis' homer - a solo shot - came in the second inning and marked his ninth dinger of the season. Tyson's two-run blast came in the fourth inning.

Hurler Joey Allen of Junction City, Arkansas, took the loss in game two, as his record fell to 1-3. Tyson came in relief and pitched three scoreless innings, fanned two, walked one and allowed no hits.

Top hitters for East Central were Perkins, two singles; McLendon, Champion and Wood, singles each.

East Central began the week's action by blasting Miss. Delta 15-4 in a non-conference contest in Moorehead on April 7. Champion was the winning pitcher.

The Diamond Warriors were led at the plate by Champion, home run and single; Smith, three singles; Tyson and Wood, two singles each; Willis and Matthews, doubles each; and McLendon, Grace and Perkins, singles each.

In games this week, East Central travels to Jones on April 14 in double-header action beginning at 4 p.m. in Ellisville, and will play a single contest against Holmes at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 15 in Philadelphia. the Diamond Warriors host Gulf Coast in a double-header matchup at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 18, and will journey to East Miss. on Monday, April 20, for a single contest at 6 p.m. in Scooba.

APPEARED IN:
LAKE MESSENGER
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

CRAT
D

WEEK OF 4-15-98

EC stays in second in South Division

By MARTY STAMPER
Democrat Sports Editor

The East Central Community College Warriors had a 3-2 showing in last week's baseball action.

In South Division games, the Warriors swept Copiah-Lincoln before losing twice to Hinds.

• **EC 15, Miss. Delta 4:** The Warriors hammered the North Division leading Trojans on April 7 at Moorhead.

Chad Champion (2-3) got the win and aided his cause with a single and a three-run homer.

Joey Smith and Greg Wood each had three hits, while Bo Grace and Clark Tyson each had two.

• **EC 8-6, Co-Lin 2-4:** The Warriors swept the Wolves on Thursday in Decatur.

In the opener, Jason Willis tossed a four-hit complete game to improve to 6-2. He struck out 10, including seven in a row.

"In my 11 years here, I don't remember anyone ever striking out seven in a row," EC coach Jamie Clark said.

Greg Wood belted his 13th homer of the year. Chad Champion and Ron Perkins each had two hits.

Dan Gressett (7-1) got the win in the second game, while Chris Tullos tossed two scoreless innings to record his fourth save.

Willis had two hits, including his eighth homer of the year. Clark Tyson had two hits.

• **Hinds 13-6, EC 3-5:** The Warriors were swept by Hinds Friday at Decatur.

In the opener, Hinds padded a 5-1 lead with six runs in the top of the fourth. Chad Tyson homered for EC. Willis also had a single.

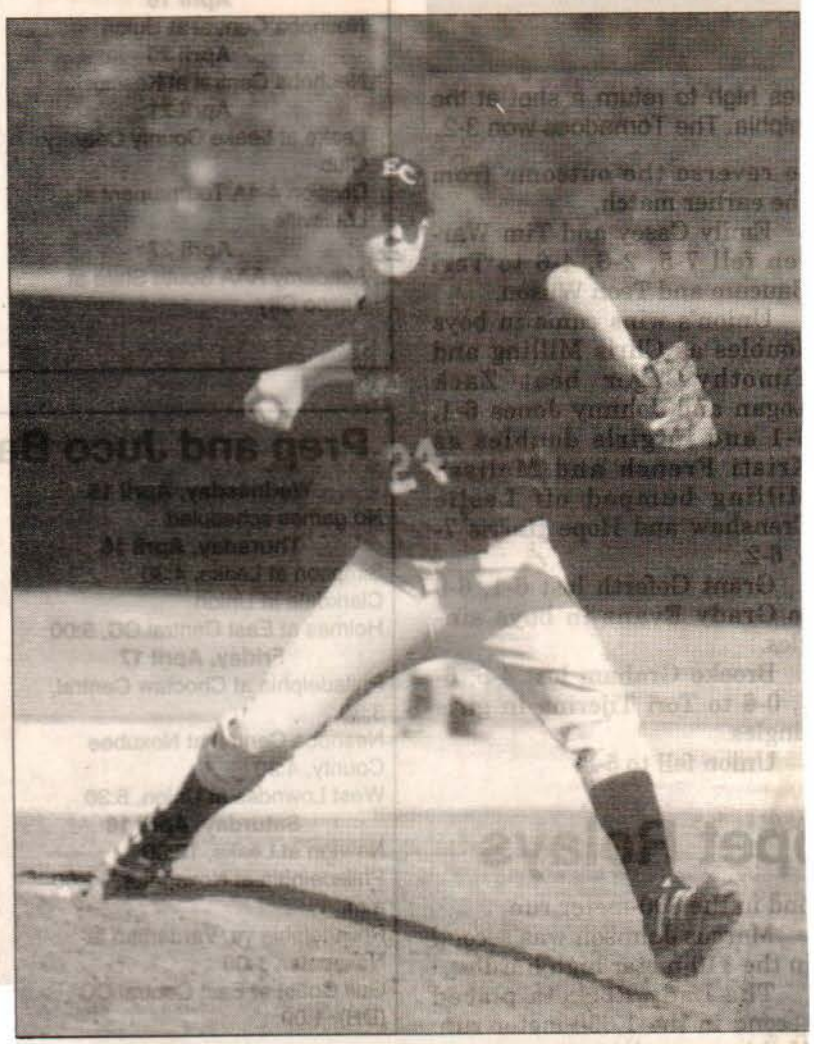
In the second game, Hinds used a five-run second frame to complete the sweep. Joey Allen (1-2) took the loss.

Ron Perkins had two hits for EC.

The Warriors entered this week with a 22-17 overall record and a 10-6 South Division mark to trail league-leading Gulf Coast by a game.

After a league twinbill at Jones on Tuesday, the Warriors are slated to host Gulf Coast on Saturday.

EC will also host Holmes Thursday at 5 p.m. in Decatur.



Jason Willis tossed a four-hitter in East Central's 8-2 win over Co-Lin Thursday. The Neshoba Central grad is 6-2 on the mound and has hit eight homers as a designated hitter/first baseman. EC is in second place in the South Division and hosts league-leading Gulf Coast Saturday at 1 p.m.

APPEARED IN:
LAKE MESSENGER
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

WEEK OF 4-16-98

East Central exceeds expectations, leads South by 1 game

By Lee Baker
Clarion-Ledger Staff Writer

JUNIOR COLLEGES

East Central for the moment sits atop South Division baseball. The Warriors at 12-6 are a game up on Gulf Coast (13-7) and two on Copiah-Lincoln (10-8), closely chased by Hinds (10-10) and Pearl River (9-11).

"Tuesday we swept Jones County 7-6 in nine innings and 2-1 in seven innings to put us where we are," East Central coach Jamie Clark said, "but Saturday we've got Gulf Coast coming in, which swept us down there, 7-2 and 3-2.

"That could be a showdown to see what happens, but however that turns out, there's still a long way to go, with Pearl River coming in next Wednesday, then us going to Co-Lin April 25.

The latter has Clark's attention. "That Co-Lin launch is scary — may be the best in the state association," he said. "They've got everything you could want for a great team. Happily we swept them here, which is the difference in our standing.

"With everything still left, we could finish anywhere from first to sixth in the South."

East Central, along with Gulf Coast, has clinched a spot in the Region 23 Division I playoffs, but everything remains wide open for state playoff berths.

Clark, now in his 11th season leading the Warriors, a year ago had a 40-18 club that finished second in the state. This year he beefed up the non-division schedule, "playing the best we could get." So far the Warriors are 24-17 but toughened into a better team than expected.

"I sure didn't expect to be 12-6 after losing both catchers, the infield, two outfielders and the DH, plus two starting pitchers and our closer," he said. "Our program has grown for 11 straight years, but this time I expected a real tough year."

East Central starts freshmen at catcher, first base, third base, left field and designated hitter with four sophomore returnees.

The top pitchers are sophomore Dan Gressett of Lake, 8-1, and freshman Jason Willis of Philadelphia, 6-2. The latter is a first baseman when not pitching and has nine home runs to date.

The primary closer is freshman Clark Tyson of Jonesboro, Ark., 2-1 with seven saves despite missing three weeks with a sore arm.

"Our pitching has been a pleasant surprise, but the hitting has not been what we've had from East Central teams in years past," Clark said.

Taylor assumes duties

Scooter Taylor, 26, takes over as men's basketball coach at Mississippi Delta from longtime leader John Vickers. Taylor comes from Roane State CC at Harriman, Tenn., where he served as an assistant since 1995. He previously was an assistant with the Florida Beachdogs of the Continental Basketball Association and a student assistant at Cincinnati. Taylor, already on the Moorhead campus recruiting, said he plans to "get up and down the floor in a hurry and press fullcourt, if we have the athletes. I hope to score 95 to 100 points a game."

Bits and pieces

State junior college basketball coach of the year honors went to Steve Hull of East among the men and Ricky Ford of Northeast among the women. . . . Holmes basketball coach Todd Kimble, after signing 6-foot-5, 215-pound forward Quincy Hawkins of Canton, said "With his size, body and quickness, I knew Quincy was a player from our district we had to have." Hawkins averaged 11.6 points and 9.7 rebounds last season at Canton High. . . . Northeast Louisiana basketball coach Mike Vining signed two-time All-Region 23 point guard Todd Daniels of Pearl River. The 5-9 Foxworth native averaged 16 points, 9 assists and 5 rebounds as a sophomore for the state champion Wildcats. . . . Holmes cross country men's team moved up to second nationally from third a year earlier as NJCAA Academic Team of the Year with a grade point average of 3.20. Four Holmes runners gained Academic All-America honors — Donnie Burdine 4.00 and Daniel Johnson 3.80 men, Jennie Watkins 3.87 and Angie McDonald 3.78 women. . . . State men's and women's tennis tournaments run today through Sunday at Tupelo, while the golf state and Region 23 tournament will be next Tuesday and Wednesday at Hinds' Eagle Ridge Country Club in Raymond. . . . Forrest County AHS first baseman Christina Annette Lee of Wiggins and pitcher Charmaine Alexandria Willis of Hattiesburg signed with the Pearl River softball team.

APPEARED IN:
LAKE MESSENGER
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF 4-21-98

ECCC Warriors cage Lions

By **Murray Coleman**
The Meridian Star

SCOOBA — When he's asked to describe his East Central Community College baseball team, Jamie Clark just smiles.

"This is not a team of superstars," said the Warriors' head coach Monday after watching his squad pound East Mississippi Community College for 16 hits in a 12-2 road victory.

"These kids have really worked hard," he added. "I'm proud of them because it's starting to pay off.

"This team is playing closer to its potential than any I've coached in my 11 years here."

After starting off slowly this season, ECCC has been on a tear the past three weeks, according to Clark. "Everything has been coming together," he said. "The middle of our lineup is hitting, our pitching is solid and our defense has been playing great."

The result has been a surge to the top of the MACJC's Southern Division standings. With a record of 12-6 in division play and 26-17 overall, Clark says his Warriors are now in a position with six division games to go to make the JuCo Region 23 playoffs.

"We're trying to hold on and win the Southern Division and then make it into the state playoffs," he said.

But Gulf Coast Community College trails ECCC by just a game in the divisional standings at 13-7 and Copiah-Lincoln Community College isn't far behind with a 10-8 record.

So in the non-division matchup with the Northern Division frontrunning Lions on Monday, Clark elected to give as many players as possible a chance to see action.

See **Warriors,** Page 3B

Warriors

Continued from page 1B

"Both teams came into this game already in great positions to make the playoffs," he said. "Neither one of us were going to throw our top guns tonight.

"So I think both of us were treating it more like a practice game than anything else."

Between the two squads, 13 pitchers were used and both benches were nearly cleared.

"They clearly played with more intensity than we did," said EMCC head coach Bill Baldner. "We came out a little flat."

While not making excuses for his team, Baldner did point out that rain had washed out the Lions' (16-23, 13-6) last week of play.

Clark downplayed the final outcome, however. With his team facing six straight divisional games, he explained, the Warriors used Monday's night experience to get ready for a run at the postseason.

"It's hard to assess what this game meant," said Clark. "It's good to go home with a win but we have to be realistic.

"The next six games is wh will determine how far this tea goes."

ECCC 12, EMCC 2

ECCC	122 002 14	–	12	16	3
EMCC	010 001 00	–	2	4	3

WP: Chad Champion (ECCC) 4-4.
LP: Matt Diamond (EMCC) 2-2.
HR: Bo Grace (ECCC). **3B:** None. **2** None.
Multiple Hits: Scott Kappler (EMCC) Bo Grace (ECCC) 4, Greg Wood (ECCC) Jason Willis (ECCC) 2, Clark Tyson (ECC 3, Joey Smith (ECCC) 2.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR X

WEEK OF 4-22-98

Diamond Warriors Sweep Jones; Clinch Playoff Spot

ELLISVILLE--Thanks to a doubleheader sweep of Jones on April 14, the ECCC Diamond Warriors have qualified for post season play for the third straight year.

EC, 25-17 overall and 12-6 in division action, clinched a playoff spot in the Region 23 Tournament following the 7-6 and 2-1 victories in Ellisville. The key wins also put the Diamond Warriors atop the South Division

standings withe one week remaining in regular season competition.

Sophomore hurler Brian Hardy of Philadelphia got the win in game one. Key hitters for EC were Brodie Meadows of Brandon, home run; Bo Grace of Meridian, two doubles; Greg Wood of Decatur and Jay McLendon of Belzoni, doubles each.

In game two, sophomore pitcher Dan Gressett of Lake earned the win and improved his record to 8-1. The Diamond Warriors were led at the plate by Grace and Clark Tyson of Jonesboro, Arkansas, who had doubles each.

EC travels to East Miss. for a single contest on April 20 before ending regular season play with doubleheaders scheduled against division foes Pearl River on Tuesday, April 22; Gulf Coast on Thursday, April 23; and Co-Lin on Saturday. April 25. The PRC and Gulf Coast games will be in Decatur and begin at 4 p.m. The ECCC-Gulf Coast doubleheader was originally scheduled to be played April 18 but was rescheduled due to inclement weather.

The 1997 Diamond Warriors placed second in the state tournament and advanced to region play before ending the season with a record 40 wins and 18 losses. EC is led by head coach Jamie Clark and assistants Neal Holliman and Lee Eady.

Dan Gressett

HOSA Group Plans Auction at ECCC Game

The ECCC HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) chapter will hold a silent auction between games of the ECCC-Pearl River baseball doubleheader scheduled Wednesday, April 22 in Decatur. First game auction gets underway at 4 p.m. on Chris Gay IV Memorial Field.

Among items to be auctioned in the fund-raiser include a brass electric lamp, porcelain flower, dried flower wall arrangements , baskets and Camille Beckman bath soaps and sundries, jewelry case, 10-year old porcelain collectors' doll, (2) glass candy jars and lids, glass chip and dip bowl set, $50 gift certificate to Whiddon Photography in Meridian, $10 gift certificate to Bo-Ro's Restaurant in Newton, desktop football collection including book by Don Shula and Ken Blanchard, (1) gift certificate for gas at Dixie Oil in Decatur, pepper spray key ring, children's socks and matching bow set, bath and shower gel, decorative candle in ceramic holder, leather and chain, silver necklace, spray hair gel, gift certificate for sheet cake at Sunflower in Newton, candy and gum, green leaf apple scented candle in glass holder, hand painted clay jar, Liz Claiborne sun visor, fruit basket clock, glass platter and lid, anniversary clock, cordless mixer, kitchen wall clock and Rogers' cutlery set.

For more info contact Mrs. Sandra Thomas, HOSA Advisor and licensed practical instructor, ECCC, Decatur, MS. 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext 289.

A
LAKE
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

CARTH
NESHO
NEWTO
MERIDI

WEEK OF 4-22-98

EC Diamond Warriors clinch playoff berth

Thanks to a double-header sweep of Jones on April 14, the East Central Community College Diamond Warriors have qualified for post season play for the third straight year.

East Central, 25-17 overall and 12-6 in division action, clinched a playoff spot in the Region 23 Tournament following the 7-6 and 2-1 victories in Ellisville. The key wins also put the Diamond Warriors atop the South Division standings with one week remaining in regular season competition.

Sophomore hurler Brian Hardy of Philadelphia got the win in game one. Key hitters for East Central were Brodie Meadows of Brandon, home run; Bo Grace of Meridian, two doubles; Greg Wood of Decatur and Jay McLendon of Belzoni, doubles each.

In game two, sophomore pitcher Dan Gressett of Lake earned the win and improved his record to 8-1. The Diamond Warriors were led at the plate by Bo Grace and Clark Tyson of Jonesboro, Arkansas, who had doubles each.

East Central travels to East Mississippi for a single contest on April 20 before ending regular season play with double-headers scheduled against division foes Pearl River on Tuesday, April 21, Gulf Coast on Thursday, April 23; Co-Lin on Saturday, April 25. The contests with Pearl River and Gulf Coast will e in Decatur and begin at 4 PM. The ECCC-Gulf Coast double-header was originally scheduled to be played April 18 but was rescheduled due to inclement weather.

The 1997 Diamond Warriors placed second in the state tournament and advanced to region play before ending the season with a record 40 wins and 18 losses. East Central is led by coach Jamie Clark and assistants Neal Holliman and Lee Eady.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 4-23-98

East Central makes post-season

Thanks to a double-header sweep of Jones on April 14, the East Central Diamond Warriors have qualified for post-season action for the third straight year.

East Central, 25-17 overall and 12-6 in division action, clinched a playoff spot in the Region 23 Tournament following 7-6 and 2-1 victories in Ellisville. The key wins also put the Diamond Warriors atop the South Division standings with one week remaining in regular season competition.

Brian Hardy got the win in game one. Key hitters for EC were Brodie Meadows with a homer, Bo Grace with a pair of doubles, and Greg Wood and Jay McLendon each with a double.

In game two, Dan Gressett earned the win and improved his record to 8-1 on the season.

At the plate, Grace and Clark Tyson each had a double.

The Diamond Warriors wrap up their season with a double-header on Thursday at home versus Gulf Coast, and at Co-Lin on Saturday.

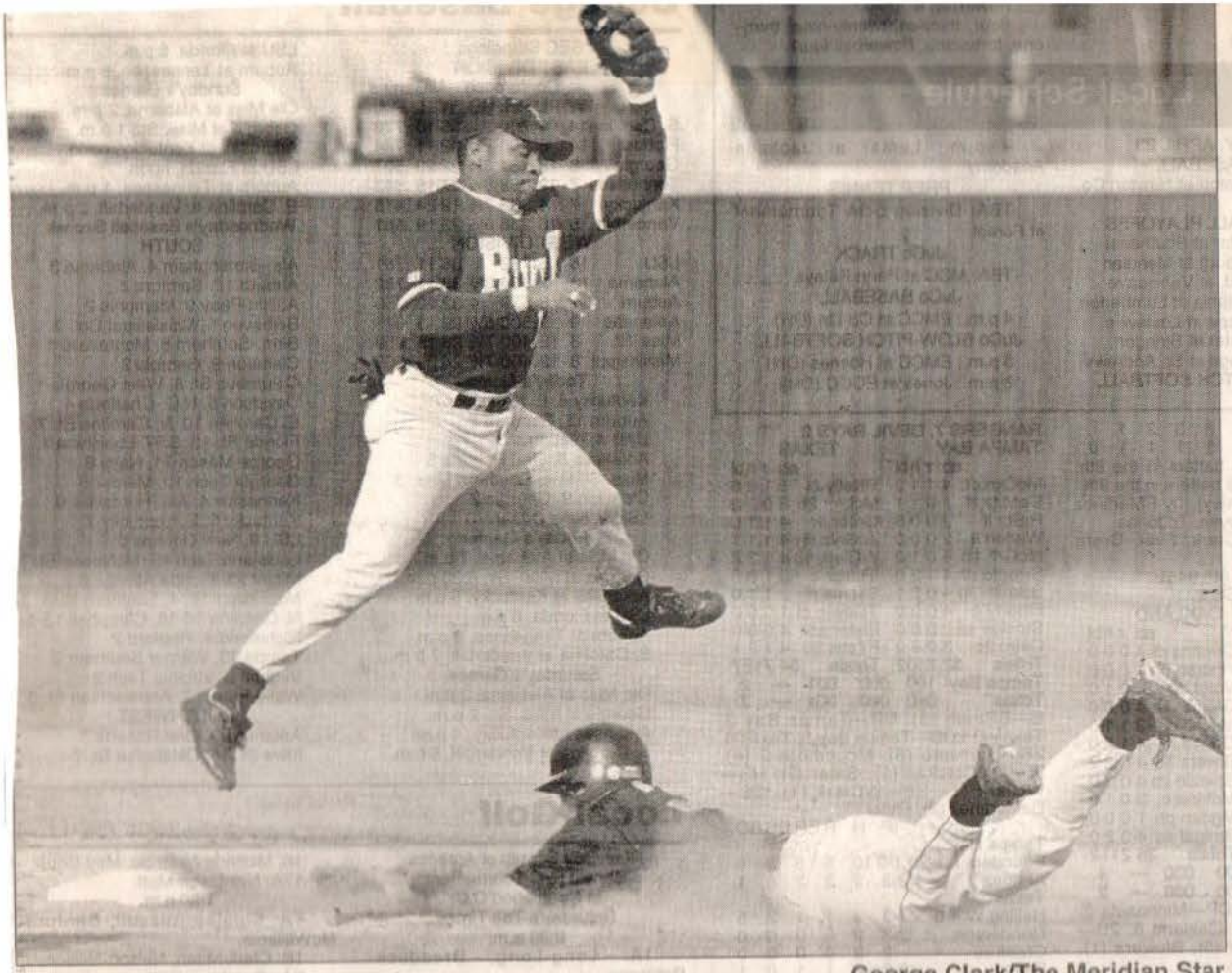
Last season, EC advanced to the state tournament and the regional finishing 40-18.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 4-23-98



George Clark/The Meridian Star

STOLEN BASE — East Central's Zach Sanders (35) steals second base as Pearl River's Trey Light fields the throw. Pearl River defeated ECCC in JuCo baseball action.

Pearl River upends ECCC

By **Murray Coleman**
The Meridian Star

DECATUR — The weather was sunny and East Central Community College's prospects appeared bright early Wednesday in the Warriors' game against Pearl River Community College.

But then the clouds started forming and the visiting Wildcats' bats began storming.

After jumping on top, the Warriors fell 11-4 to Pearl River in a MACJC Southern Division matchup.

ECCC struck early with Bo Grace and Brodie Meadows connecting for singles to lead off the first inning. Then teammate Jason Willis, who opened the game on the mound for the Warriors, doubled home Grace. A fielding error by the Wildcats later in the frame allowed Meadows to score and Chad Champion sacrificed Willis in to put the Warriors ahead 3-0 heading into the second inning.

But Pearl River's starting pitcher, T.J. Landreneaux settled down and didn't allow ECCC another run until the fourth inning. In that frame, the Warriors' Greg Wood got his team's first hit since Willis' double nine batters earlier with a single to center field. Wood stole second base and was moved to third base on a balk by Landreneaux. Dustin Mathews followed by sacrificing Wood home to put the Warriors up 4-3.

Pearl River, which had pecked away at ECCC's lead by scoring a run in the second, third and fourth innings, broke lose to add three more in the fifth inning.

But all three of those runs were unearned as the Warriors' defense started to crack. ECCC committed two errors and the Wildcats managed to sprinkle three singles in between to take a 6-4 lead.

In the sixth inning, Pearl River put the game away by generating five unearned runs

See **ECCC,** Page 3D

ECCC

Continued from page 1D

off two more Warriors' errors.

For the entire game, ECCC committed five errors and gave up nine unearned runs.

PEARL RIVER 11, ECCC 4

PEARL	011	135	0	—	11	11	2
ECCC	300	100	0	—	4	5	5

WP: T.J. Landreneaux (P, 5-3)
LP: Jason Willis (E, 6-3)
HR: Wali Shabazz (P). **3B:** None. **2B:** Jason Willis (E).
Multiple Hits: Scott Putnam (P) 3, Wali Shabazz (P) 3, Bo Grace (E) 2.
Records: ECCC 26-18, 12-7; Pearl River 21-20, 9-10.
Next game: Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College at East Central Community College today, 4 p.m.

APPEARED IN:
LAKE MESSENGER
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER
CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

MERIDIAN STAR
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER
WEEK OF 5-6-98

COMMUNITY BASED COMMUNITY MINDED

ANNOUNCEMENT

WALL STREET

comes to MAIN STREET

IBAA Financial Services (IBFS)

at

The Carthage Bank

IBFS, which operates the investment program at the bank is an NASD registered broker-dealer that is separate and distinct from the bank. Services include:

Financial Planning
Mutual Funds
Discount Brokerage

To receive more information on the financial services available, call

Philip Chamblee or Melvin Wooten 267-6166

A prospectus containing more complete information, including charges and expenses, is available from your registered representative. Please read the prospectus carefully before you invest or send money.

Diamond Warriors steal school's first state title

Three weeks ago at a pre-game meal, East Coa[illegible] Greg Wood added a two-run homer and single,

WEEK OF 5-6-98

ECCC baseball signs Newton High tandem

From **Staff, Wire Reports**

Two members of the Newton High baseball team have signed national letters of intent with East Central Community College in Decatur announced Diamond Warrior head coach Jamie Clark.

Joining the ECCC squad are Amos Thames, a 5-foot-11, 160 pound, right-handed pitcher and Chris Weems, a 6-foot-1, 195 pound infielder.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER X
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES _____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL _____
CLARION-LEDGER _____

CARTHAGINIAN _____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT _____
NEWTON RECORD _____
MERIDIAN STAR _____

WEEK OF 5-6-98

WEEMS SIGNS WITH ECCC - Chris Weems, a standout performer on the Newton High School baseball team, is shown signing a national letter-of-intent with East Central Community College in Decatur as Diamond Warrior head coach Jamie Clark (left) and Tiger head mentor Chris Clark look on. The ECCC coach said he is "very pleased" to sign the outstanding student-athlete. "Chris is a fine young man and will make contributions to our program both on and off the field. We are certainly glad to have him," Clarke said. Weems, a 6'1", 195-pound infielder, is the son of Buddy and Angelia Weems of Newton. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD X
MERIDIAN STAR_____

Week OF 5-6-98

THAMES SIGNS WITH ECCC - Newton High School standout pitcher Amos Thames recently signed a national letter-of-intent wit East Central Community College in Decatur. the 5'11", 160-pound right-hander is shown during signing ceremonies with Diamond Warrior head coach Jamie Clark (left) and Tiger baseball coach Chris Clark. Jamie Clark said he is "very Happy" to add the outstanding student-athlete to the ECCC baseball program. "Amos will make contributions both on and off the field and were are very glad to have him," Clark added. Thamesis the son of Jack and Karon Thames of Newton. (EC Photo)

WEEK OF 5-6-98

Diamond Warriors win

By MARTY STAMPER
Democrat Sports Editor

The 1998 East Central Community College baseball team assured itself of a spot in Warrior immortality by winning the MACJC state championship last weekend at Scooba.

The Warriors breezed through the four-team double-elimination tournament without a loss.

After opening with a 13-6 win over host and North Division champion East Mississippi on Friday night, the Warriors came back from early deficits to thump perennial MACJC power Gulf Coast 9-7 on Saturday and 15-8 on Sunday to claim EC's first baseball state championship in school history.

Amazingly enough, the championship came in a year where the Warriors were probably considered no better than the No. 6 team in the seven-team South Division going into the season.

"If you'd asked if I thought we'd be in the state tournament when we started practicing back in September, I'd have said no," EC 11th-year head coach Jamie Clark said. "But somewhere early in the season everything fell in place.

"At one of our pre-game meals about three weeks ago, I told the team that if we made it to the state playoffs, I thought we'd win it. But I wasn't sure we'd even get in the playoffs.

"It's a happy day in Warriorville."

Next up for the 31-20 Warriors is a 7 p.m. Thursday rematch with 21-26 East Mississippi in the first round of the Region 23 Division I Tournament at Meridian Community College. Also in that six-team double-elimination tournament are eighth-ranked Meridian (43-9), Mississippi Delta (27-21), Gulf Coast (35-17), and Delgado.

• **EC 13, East Mississippi 6:** The Warriors used a 90-minute electric delay prior to the start of Friday night's contest to recharge their offense.

Greg Wood and Neshoba Central grad Jason Willis had the biggest jolts as they both launched grand slam homers.

EC used a double by Willis and a couple of misplayed balls by the Lions to take a 2-0 lead in the top of the first.

The 29-20 Warriors added five more runs in the second, four coming on Wood's massive homer to left field.

After the 21-25 Lions scored twice

THAGINIAN
OBA DEMOCRAT X
TON RECORD
DIAN STAR

Week OF 5-6-98

state championship

Warriors win the pennant

The East Central Community College Warriors celebrate the final out in their 15-8 win over Gulf Coast for the MACJC championship Sunday afternoon in Scooba. The 31-20 Warriors take on East Mississippi Thursday at 7 p.m. in the first round of the Region 23 Division I Tournament at Meridian Community College.

in the bottom of the third, EC put the game away with a six-run fifth frame. Willis' grand slam, his 11th homer of the year, highlighted the inning. Wood had drawn a bases-loaded walk prior to Willis' blast.

Dan Gressett (9-2) tossed the first six innings, striking out 10, to get the win. He allowed five hits and six walks.

Wood had five RBIs and scored three runs. Willis went 2-for-4 with five RBIs.

EC had eight hits to seven for the Lions.

bottom of the eighth. They went on to add an insurance run as Clark Tyson walked and scored on a sacrifice by Ron Perkins.

Mathews, Willis, and Weaver each had two of EC's nine hits.

The 34-16 Bulldogs had four homers in the loss with Johnny Herbert, Bo Long, and Brandon Davis going deep along with O'Quine.

Both teams had nine hits. Gulf Coast committed five errors, while EC had three.

Tyson (3-2) tossed the final 1 1/3 innings to get the win.

single with EC's 12th run scoring on a throwing error on the play.

Mathews added another single to score Wood and complete the 10-run frame.

After that, Danny Rushing (1-0) threw four shutout innings, allowing only one hit and one walk, to slam the door in the Dogs' face.

Rushing tossed the final 6 2/3 innings in relief, striking out six, to earn his first win of the season.

"I'd be lying if I didn't say I was nervous," said Rushing, a freshman walk-on from Edinburg. "It's the longest I've pitched all season. It was the toughest situation I've ever faced.

Week OF 5-6-98

Chad Hocutt homered for the Lions. Veon Harris (7-5) took the loss.

• **EC 9, Gulf Coast 7:** After spotting the Bulldogs a 6-0 lead over the first five innings of Saturday's game, the Warriors came to life in the bottom of the sixth as they scored five times.

Jason Willis and Eric Weaver each had an RBI-single, while Dustin Mathews ripped a two-run homer to bring EC to within 6-5.

The 30-20 Warriors took a 7-6 lead in the seventh. Jay McLendon, Bo Grace, and Weaver each had singles in the rally.

Gulf Coast tied the contest in the top of the eighth on a two-out homer by Desmond O'Quine.

The Warriors snapped that tie on a leadoff homer by Mathews in the

• **EC 15, Gulf Coast 8:** Much like in Saturday's win, the Warriors spotted Gulf Coast an early lead and then blew the Bulldogs back to Perkinston in Sunday's championship game.

Trailing 8-3 after Gulf Coast scored five runs in the bottom of the fifth, the Warriors took control with a 10-run uprising in the top of the sixth.

Joey Smith started the big inning with a leadoff homer. Two batters later, Greg Wood launched a two-run blast.

Singles by Dustin Mathews, Clark Tyson, and Ron Perkins loaded the bases with two outs. A double by Bo Grace gave the Warriors a 9-8 lead.

Smith and Chad Champion followed with doubles to extend EC's lead to 11-8. Wood beat out an infield

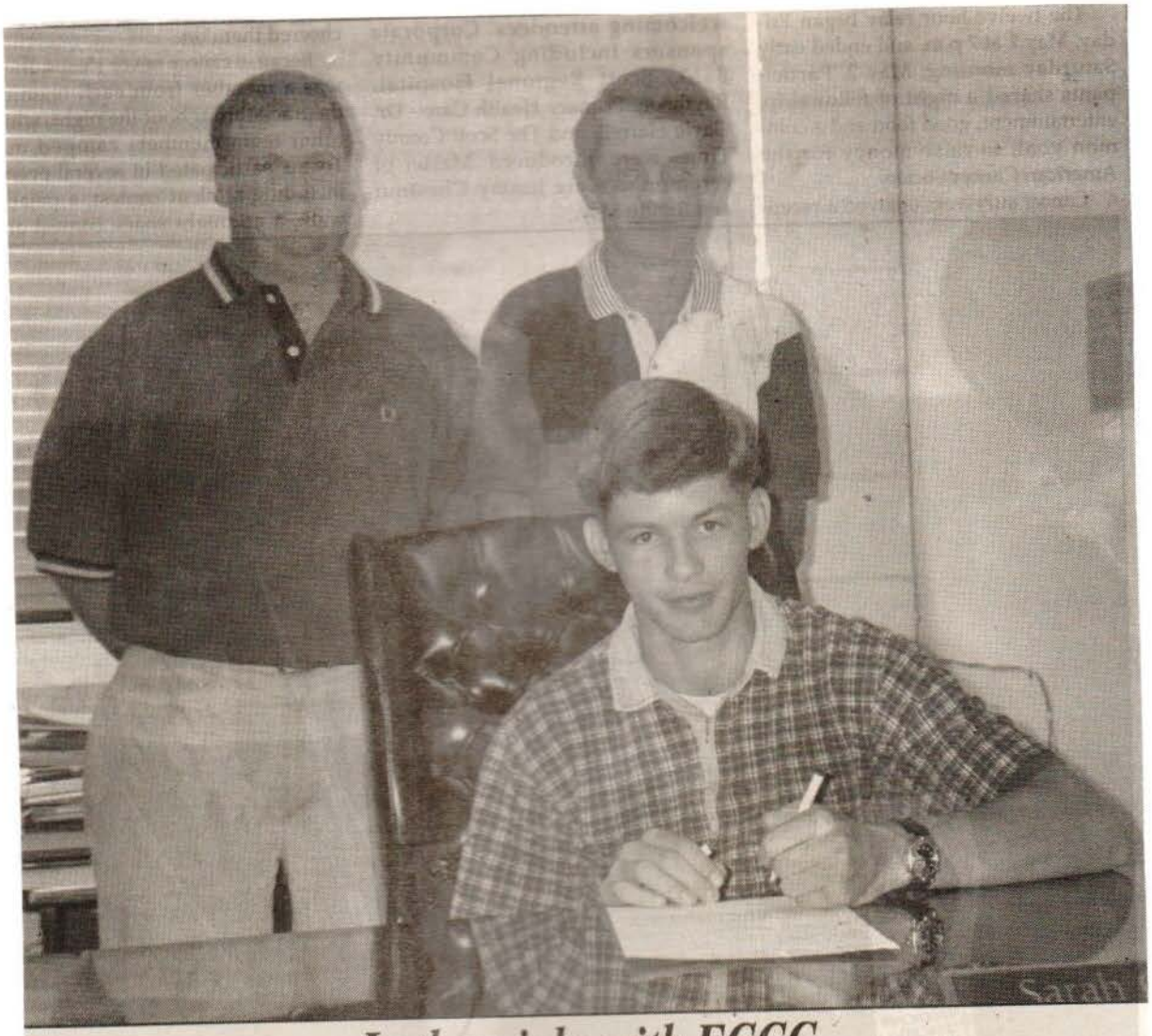
The Warriors added two insurance runs in the top of the ninth. Tyson singled and Perkins drew a walk. Grace followed with an RBI-single. Perkins then scored on a play where Grace intentionally got into a rundown between first and second.

For the day, Wood went 3-for-4 with two homers and four RBIs. He has 15 homers for the year.

Smith went 4-for-4 with two doubles and two RBIs. Champion was 2-for-4 with two doubles and three RBIs. Tyson had three singles, while Perkins, Grace, and Mathews each had two hits.

The Warriors had 18 hits to 11 for Gulf Coast.

WEEK OF 5-6-98



Lathem inks with ECCC

Christopher Lathem, a senior at Sebastopol High School, became the first Sebastopol Diamond Bobcat to sign a national letter of intent to play baseball for East Central Community College in Decatur. Lathem(seated) is pictured at the signing with Sebastopol head baseball coach Chad Smith (left) and Bobby Lathem, Christopher's father.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES X
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 5-6-98

Diamond Warriors Clinch playoff spot

From staff reports

Thanks to a double-header sweep of Jones on April 14, the East Central Community College Diamond Warriors have qualified for post-season play for the third straight year.

East Central, 25-17 overall and 12-6 in division action, clinched a playoff spot in the Region 23 Tournament following the 7-6 and 2-1 victories in Ellisville.

The key wins also put the Diamond Warriors atop the South Division standings with one week remaining in regular season competition.

Sophomore hurler Brian Hardy of Philadelphia got the win in game one. Key hitters for East for East Central were Brodie Meadows of Brandon, home run; Bo Grace of Meridian, two doubles; Greg Wood of Decatur and Jay Mclendon of Belzoni, doubles each.

In game two, sophomore pitcher Dan GRessett of Lake earned the win and improved his record to 8-1. The Diamond Warriors were led at the plate by Grace and Clark Tyson of Jonesboro, Arkansas, who had doubles each.

East Central travels to East Miss. For a single contest on April 20 before ending regular season play with double-headers scheduled against division foes Pearl River on Tuesday, April 22; Gulf Coast on Thursday, APril 23; and Co-Lin on Saturday, APril 25. The PRC and Gulf Coast games will be in Decatur and begin at 4 p.m. The ECCC-Gulf Coast double-header was originally scheduled to be played April 18 but was rescheduled due to inclement weather.

The 1997 Diamond Warriors placed second in the state tournament and advanced to region play before the season with a record 40 wins and 18 losses.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL X

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN X

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 5-9-98

Dolphins

By **Murray Coleman**
The Meridian Star

The Delgado (La.) Community College Dolphins literally stole Friday's Region 23 Baseball Tournament contest, slipping past East Central Community College, 6-4.

With the score tied in the eighth inning, Delgado's coaching staff noticed a little quirk in the Warriors' defense.

Tharun Anderson, who was batting with no outs and runners at first base and second base, faked a bunt and ECCC's third baseman charged hard toward the plate.

"So on the second pitch, we faked a bunt again and ran a double steal," said Dolphins head coach Joe Scheuermann.

The play caught ECCC's defense off guard. When the Warriors' catcher tried to respond by throwing to snag the runner heading to third base, the throw went into the outfield. A surprised left fielder fumbled the relay and courtesy runner Rya McCoy, running for catcher Ryan Franatovich, who had reached base on an error, raced home.

That was all the Dolphins (34-15) needed to advance.

Philadelphia	16	17	.485	7
Montreal	12	21	.364	11
Florida	12	23	.343	12

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	20	13	.606	—
Milwaukee	19	13	.594	½
Chicago	18	15	.545	2
Cincinnati	17	17	.500	3½
St. Louis	17	17	.500	3½
Pittsburgh	15	19	.441	5½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Diego	23	11	.676	—
San Francisco	18	16	.529	5
Los Angeles	17	17	.500	6
Colorado	16	19	.457	7½
Arizona	8	27	.229	15½

Friday's Games

Chicago Cubs 5, San Francisco 4, 14 innings
Colorado 7, Montreal 5
Cincinnati 5, Pittsburgh 3, 10 innings
Florida 12, Los Angeles 6
San Diego 3, Atlanta 2
Philadelphia 6, Arizona 4
N.Y. Mets 9, St. Louis 2
Milwaukee 4, Houston 1

Saturday's Games

San Francisco (Darwin 2-2 and Estes 2-4) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 4-1 and Gonzalez 2-3), 2, 12:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Petkovsek 2-1) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 3-1), 12:40 p.m.
Colorado (Thomson 2-2) at Montreal (Moore 1-4), 6:05 p.m.
Arizona (Suppan 0-3) at Philadelphia (Nye 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Nomo 2-3) at Florida (Larkin 1-2), 6:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Winchester 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Silva 2-3), 6:05 p.m.
San Diego (Hitchcock 1-0) at Atlanta (Millwood 4-1), 6:10 p.m.
Houston (Schourek 0-0) at Milwaukee (Eldred 0-1), 7:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Los Angeles at Florida, 12:05 p.m.
San Diego at Atlanta, 12:10 p.m.
Colorado at Montreal, 12:35 p.m.
Arizona at Philadelphia, 12:35 p.m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 12:35 p.m.
St. Louis at N.Y. Mets, 12:40 p.m.
Houston at Milwaukee, 1:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Chicago Cubs, 1:20 p.m.

Baltimore	17	16	.515	6
Toronto	15	19	.441	10½
Tampa Bay	13	19	.406	11½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	20	13	.606	—
Kansas City	14	20	.412	6½
Chicago	13	19	.406	6½
Minnesota	13	20	.394	7
Detroit	9	21	.300	9½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	20	13	.606	—
Anaheim	18	15	.545	2
Seattle	17	17	.500	3½
Oakland	14	19	.424	6

Friday's Games

Baltimore 8, Tampa Bay 2
Boston 14, Kansas City 3
N.Y. Yankees 5, Minnesota 1
Texas 6, Cleveland 3
Anaheim 5, Detroit 3
Seattle 8, Toronto 3
Chicago White Sox 5, Oakland 3

Saturday's Games

Chicago White Sox (Bere 1-3) at Oakland (Rogers 5-1), 3:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mussina 3-2) at Tampa Bay (Springer 1-4), 5:35 p.m.
Boston (Martinez 3-0) at Kansas City (Belcher 1-4), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 5-2) at Minnesota (Morgan 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Nagy 3-1) at Texas (Oliver 1-4), 7:35 p.m.
Toronto (Hentgen 3-3) at Seattle (Swift 2-1), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Castillo 0-1) at Anaheim (Finley 4-0), 9:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 12:35 p.m.
Boston at Kansas City, 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Minnesota, 1:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.
Toronto at Seattle, 3:35 p.m.
Cleveland at Texas, 7:05 p.m.
Detroit at Anaheim, 7:05 p.m.

Busch Grand National Se
100, at Loudon, N.H.
Noon
NBC — NBA Basketba
doubleheader, conference
game 3 and game 4, teams
12:30 p.m.
TNN — NASCAR Au
Busch Grand National Ser
Grand National 200, at Lou
1:20 p.m.
WGN — Major League
San Francisco at Chicago C
2 p.m.
CBS — "CBS
Spectacular," PBA Bowling
Bowling Congress Masters
Nev.
2:35 p.m.
TBS — NASCAR
Craftsman Truck Series, N
200, at Monroe, La.
3 p.m.
ABC — Thoroughbre
The Pimlico Special, at Bal
Illinois Derby at Cicero, Ill.
CBS — PGA Golf,
Classic, third round, at Dul
ESPN2 — Major Leag
Columbus at Miami
4 p.m.
ESPN — Senior PGA
Home Depot Invitationa
round, at Charlotte, N.C.
5 p.m.
ESPN2 — Thoroughb
"2Day at the Races,"
Stakes, at Louisville, Ky.,
Handicap, at Jamaica, N.
Hirsch Jacobs Stakes, at
(live and same-day tape)
6:05 p.m.
TBS — Major League
San Diego at Atlanta
6:30 p.m.
ESPN — NHL Hocke
conference semifinals, gam
TBA
7 p.m.
WPIX — Major Leagu
N.Y. Yankees at Minnesota
8 p.m.
FX — Major League
Toronto at Seattle
TNT — NBA Basketba
conference semifinals, gam
TBA
9:15 p.m.
HBO — Boxing, cham
Mosely (26-0-0) vs. John J

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR X

WEEK OF 5-10-98

agles

ontinued from page 1B

center field. Josh Hesse followed with an RBI ground-rule double to left to give the Eagles a 1-0 lead. After consecutive groundouts, Brian Shipp hit a two-run homer to left to give MCC a 3-0 lead. The homer was Shipp's 10th of the season.

Bo Grace, who went 2-for-4, opened the bottom of the first inning with a single to right. That would be all ECCC would get until Grace's two-out single in the bottom of the sixth. During that span, Moates retired 11 straight Warriors.

However, Grace's two-out single in the sixth was the first of three consecutive singles (Joey Smith, Brodie Meadows) to load the bases. Moates, however, struck out Jason Willis to end the threat.

ECCC got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the seventh inning to cut the MCC lead to 3-1. Eric Weaver got things started with a one-out infield single to short. After another strikeout, Clark Tyson ripped an RBI double into the right center field gap. However, Moates struck out pinch hitter Paul Clearman to prevent anymore damage.

The Warriors had a chance to pull even in the bottom of the ninth. After falling behind in the count 0-2, Willis ripped a single to left. With the tying run coming to plate, Moates struck out the final three ECCC batters to end the threat and the game.

REGION 23 TOURNAMENT
MERIDIAN C.C. 3, ECCC 1

MERIDIAN C.C.	ab	r	h	bi	ECCC	ab	r	h	bi
Artmn 1b	5	1	1	0	Grace cf	4	0	2	0
Hesse 2b	*4*	*1*	*1*	*1*	*Smith c*	*4*	*0*	*1*	*0*
Kelly c	5	0	0	0	Medws dh	4	0	1	0
Scott 3b	4	0	0	0	Willis 1b	4	0	1	0
Shipp ss	3	1	2	2	Sndrs pr	0	0	0	0
Grnrd rf	3	0	1	0	Wood rf	4	0	0	0
Mrkch dh	4	0	2	0	Mathws lf	1	0	0	0
Brgnr cf	4	0	0	0	Weavr cf	3	1	1	0
Best lf	4	0	1	0	McLdn 2b	4	0	0	0
					Tyson 3b	3	0	1	1
					Prkns ss	2	0	0	0
					Clrmn ph	1	0	0	0
					Grsstt lf	0	0	0	0
Totals	*36*	*3*	*8*	*3*	*Totals*	*34*	*1*	*7*	*1*

Meridian	**300**	**000**	**000**	**3**	**8**	**0**
E. Central	**000**	**000**	**100**	**1**	**7**	**1**

E—Mathews. LOB—MCC 9, ECCC 6. 2B—Artman, Hesse, Tyson. HR—Shipp. SB—Gernard, Merkich.

MERIDIAN C.C.

	IP	H	RER	BB	SO
Moates, W 7-1	9	7	1	1	0 16

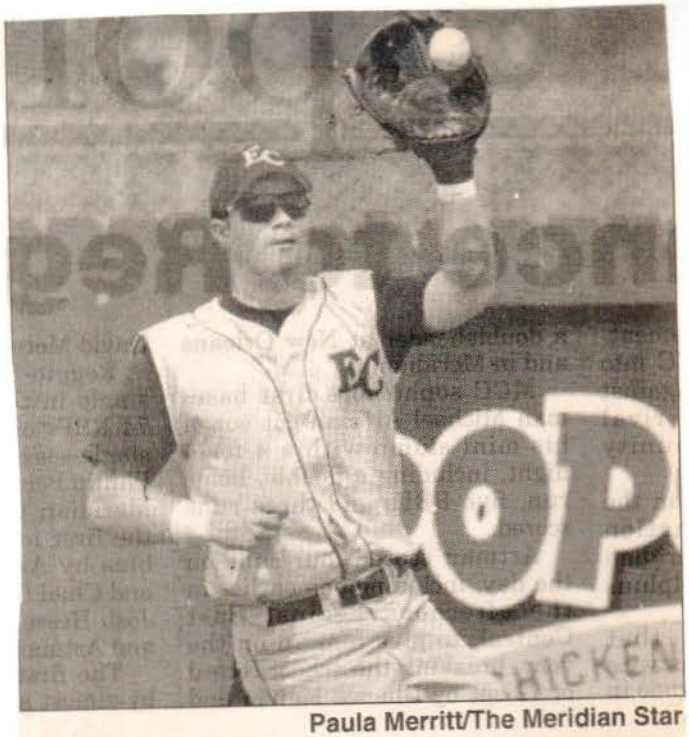
EAST CENTRAL C.C.

	IP	H	RER	BB	SO
Hardy, L 5-5	1	5	3	3	1 0
Rushing	8	3	0	0	0 4

Hardy faced one batter in the second.

WP—Moates 2. HBP—by Rushing (Hesse), by Rushing (Shipp).

T—2:15. A—400.



Paula Merritt/The Meridian Star

IT'S MINE — ECCC right fielder Greg Wood fields a base hit Saturday afternoon in the Warriors' 3-1 loss to the Meridian Community College Eagles in the Region 23 Tournament.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR X

Week Of 5-13-98

ECCC Diamond Warriors Win State Championship
The ECCC baseball team celebrates its 15-8 win over Gulf Coast Sunday afternoon for the state championship.

WEEK OF 5-13-98

State Champion Warriors Complete Season Action

MERIDIAN--After winning a first ever sate championship in baseball, the EC Diamond Warriors set their sights on claiming region 23 Tournament Title. But such was not the case as the ECCC squad was eliminated from competition after falling 3-1 to eventual Champion Meridian Community College on Saturday afternoon.

East Central, which finishes with a 32-22 mark under eleventh year head coach Jamie Clark, began tournament play by defeating East Mississippi 10-0 Thursday night then fell to Delgado 6-4 on Friday night. The win over the Lions was especially sweet for Coach Clark as it marked his 300th victory as ECCC head coach.

In Saturday's matchup with MCC, sophomore Brian Hardy of Philadelphia took the loss, as the eagles jumped out to a 3-0 first innings lead and held on for the victory. Freshman walk-on pitcher Danny Rushing of Edinburg relieved Hardy in the second and completely shut down the Eagle offense over the final eight innings. It was Rushing who came on in relief in the Diamond Warriors' win over Gulf Coast for the state title on May 3.

East Central, which scored its love run in the seventh inning, was led at the plate by Clark Tyson of Jonesboro, Arkansas, who had a double.

Against Delgado, the Diamond Warriors led 3-1 lead into the seventh only to have the Dolphins tally three runs mainly on ECCC miscues. Delgado added two runs in the eighth to seal the victory.

East Central was led at the palte by Greg Wood, of Decatur, whose solo blast gave the Diamond Warriors a 1-0 lead in the fourth; Jay McLendon of Blazon whose two-run homer gave the Diamond Warriors a 3-1 margin in the sixth; and pinch hitter Joey Smith of Philadelphia whose dinger tied the contest at 4-4- i the eight. Dustin Mathews of Monroe, LA, also doubled for the Warriors.

Tyson took the loss for EC in relief. Also on the mound were Dan Gressett of Lake and Chris Tullos of Union.

APPEARED IN:
LAKE MESSENGER ✓
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

CARTHAGI
NESHOBA
NEWTON R
MERIDIAN

Week 07 5-13-98

In the victory over East MS, freshman hurler Jason Willis of Philadelphia improved his record to 9-3, as he fanned eight and allowed just two hits over six innings of work. Rushing cam in as relied fort he final inning and had two strikeouts. The game was called after the seven innings because of the 10-run rule.

EC was led at the plate by Willis' two home runs and a single blast by McLendon.

WEEK OF 6-1-98

East Central News

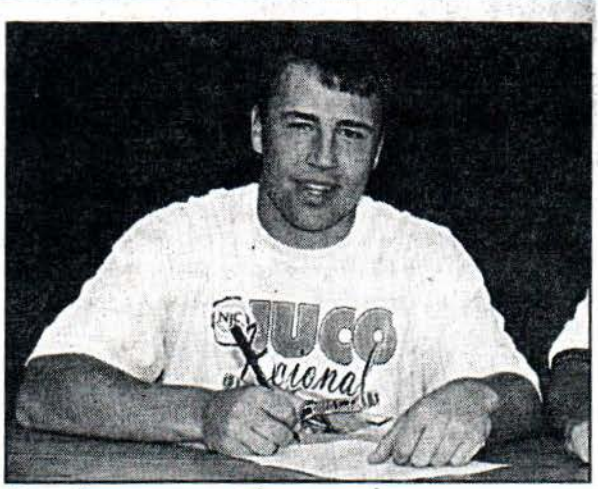
E'burg's Rushing signs scholarship

Danny Rushing of Edinburg recently signed a national letter of intent with East Central Community College after the freshman walk-on completed a successful season on the mound for the state champion Diamond Warriors.

Rushing was the winning pitcher in East Central's 15-8 victory over Gulf Coast for the state crown, as he shut down the Bulldog offense the final four innings of his 6 2/3 innings of relief.

During the regular season, Rushing pitched 21 1/3 innings, struck out 19 batters, allowed seven earned runs on 17 hits and 10 walks.

He posted a 2.30 earned run average.



Rushing on board

Danny Rushing of Edinburg was awarded a scholarship with the East Central Diamond Warriors following his successful walk-on season with the squad.

Carthage athletes receive honors

Two Leake County area athletes were given special recognition in their respective sports at East Central for their performance this past season.

Memrie Rawson of Carthage was selected the Most Improved player for the Lady Warriors softball team, which finished the season 32-25, placing third in region and state.

Brian Sistrunk of Leake Academy was selected Most Valuable Player for the East Central men's tennis team, which finished tenth in the state tournament.

Sistrunk also played on "Big Sticks", which won the intramural softball league title this year. Also on the team from Carthage were Bobby Moss, Steve Woitt and Shad Sanders.

ECCC signs two gridiron Warriors

East Central Community College also announced the addition of Steven York and Dontay Spillman to the Warriors gridiron squad for next season.

York is a 6'4", 300-pound offensive lineman who was considered one of the "Top 100" players in Texas and one of the "Top 5" offensive linemen in the Southwest.

Spillman, a 6'1", 180-pound running back/return specialist, was the leading scorer in Kentucky High School football last season with 254 points.

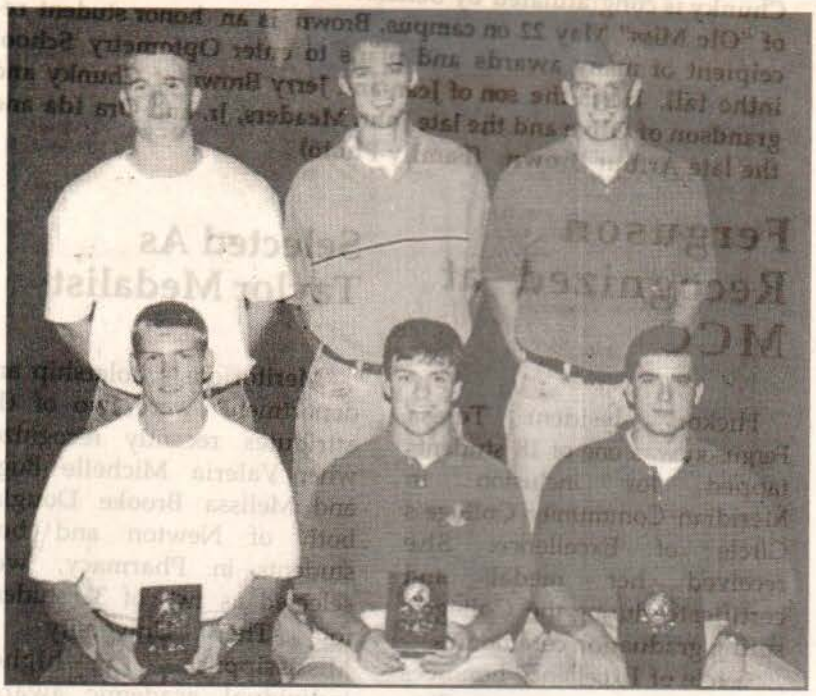
He rushed for 1,600 yards on 104 carries and caught 35 passes for 600 yards last season. He averaged 280 yards rushing and 150 yards receiving for a 430-yard average per contest.

Spillman also scored 40 touchdowns, including nine tallies on kickoffs and punt returns last season.

In recognition of his outstanding season, Spillman was selected to participate in the annual Kentucky/Tennessee and Kentucky/Indiana All-Star football games.

APPEAL
LAKE MESSENGER
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER
CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF 6-1-98



PRESENTED ECCC BASEBALL AWARDS - These members of the state champion East Central Community College baseball team received various honors at the College's annual Spring Sports Cookout/Awards Program held at Turkey Creek Water Park near Decatur. Seated from left are pitcher Chris Tullos of Union, most improved; shortstop Ron Perkins of Louisville, best defensive player; and pitcher Brian Hardy of Philadelphia, "Exemplary Player of the Year". Standing from left are right fielder Greg Wood of Newton County High School, best offensive player and All-State; pitcher Dan Gressett of Lake, All-Region 23 and All-State; and pitcher Jason Willis of Neshoba Central, most valuable player, All-Region 23, All-State and most valuable player in the South Division. The awards were presented by head coach Jamie Clark. After winning the state title, the Diamond Warriors advanced to Region 23 Tournament competition en route to a 32-22 record. (EC Photo)

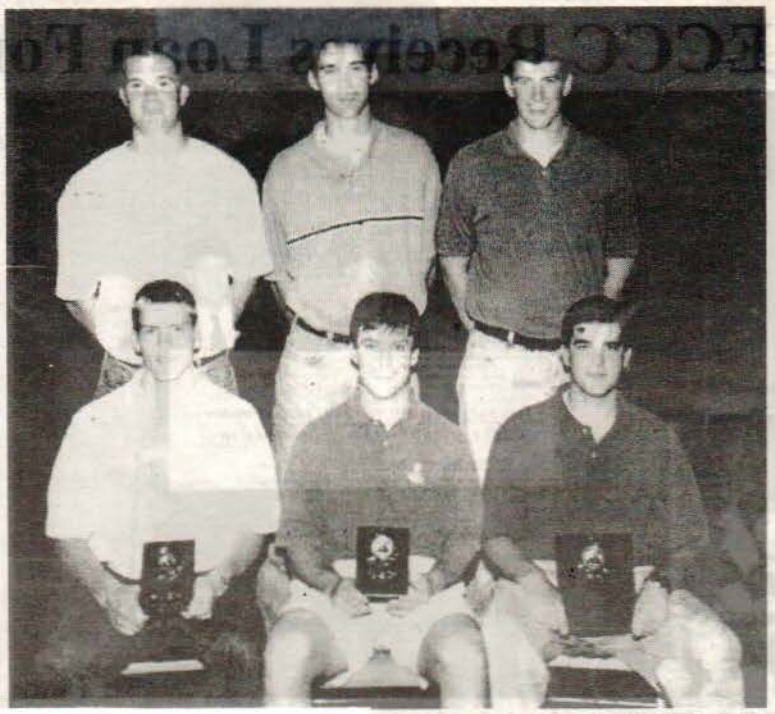
APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-3-98

Presented ECCC Baseball Awards



DECATUR--These members of the state champion East Central Community College's annual Spring Sports Cookout/Awards Program held at Turkey Creek Water Pard near Decatur. Seated from left are pitcher Chris Tullos of Union, most improved; shortstop Ron Perkins of Louisville, best defensive player' and pitcher Brian Hardy of Philadelphia, "Exemplary Player of the Year." Standing from left are right fielder Greg Wood of Newton County High School, best offensive player and All-State; pitcher Dan Gressett of Lake, All-Region 23 and All-State; All-State and most valuable player in the South Division.

The awards were presented by head coach Jamie Clark. After winning the state title, the Diamond Warriors advanced to Region 23 Tournament competition enroute to a 32-22 record.

APPEARED IN:

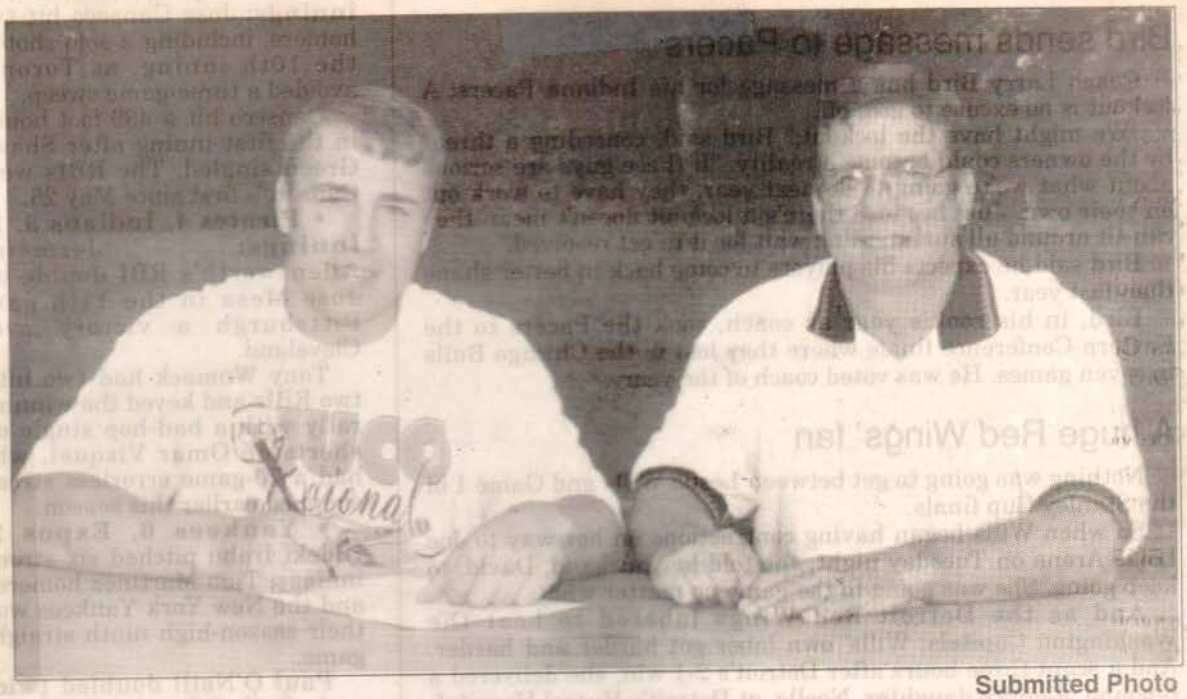
LAKE MESSENGER ✓
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER
CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

Week of 6-3-98

(EC Photo)

Former Lake Hornet
Dan Gressett

WEEK OF June 8 1998



Submitted Photo

ECCC BASEBALL — Danny Rushing, left, of Edinburg recently signed a national letter of intent with East Central Community College as ECCC head baseball coach Jamie Clark looks on. Rushing was awarded a scholarship after the freshman walk-on completed a successful season on the mound for the state champion Diamond Warriors. Rushing was the winning pitcher in ECCC's state championship clinching win against Mississippi Gulf Coast. Rushing had a 2.30 earned run average.

DECATUR — Students interested in being admitted to the Licensed Practical Nursing Program at East Central Community College are encouraged to take the NLN-PN Assessment which will be given at 1 p.m. June 29, in Newton Hall, Room 60.

Cost of the assessment is $25.

For more information, contact Maudean Sanders, assistant director of Vocational-Technical Education, ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss., 39327, or call the College's new toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-322), Ext. 282.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-15-98

FORMER/ CURRENT ECCC BASEBALL PLAYERS SELECTED IN DRAFT

A current member of the East Central Community College baseball team and a former Diamond Warrior standout were among players recently drafted by major league squads.

Jason Willis of Philadelphia, a 6'4" 220-pound right-handed pitcher who recently completed his freshman season, was chosen in the 24th round by the New York Yankees. The Neshoba Central graduated posted a 9-3 mark this past season for the state champion Diamond Warriors and had 13 home runs.

Former Diamond Warrior Tommy Bost, who recently completed his senior year at Louisiana Tech, was also picked in the 24th round by the Cleveland Indians. Bost, a 6'2". 220-pound outfielder, blasted 17 home runs this past season. He is also a former standout at Neshoba Central High School in Philadelphia.

Willis and Bost mark the eighth and ninth Diamond Warriors selected in the pro draft since Jamie Clark took over the ECCC baseball program in 1988.

Gressett inks with LA. Tech

DECATUR--East Central Community College hurler Dan Gressett of Lake recently signed a national letter of intent to continue his baseball career at Louisiana Tech University at Ruston.

At 6' 5", 180 pounds, Gressett went 6-6 his freshman year and 9-2 his sophomore season.

A first team All-State and All-Region selection, Gressett was recruited by various Division I and II colleges in Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana and Tennessee.

He was the fourth ECCC player to sign with Louisiana Tech in the last four years.

Jamie Clark serves as head coach of the State Champion ECCC Diamond Warriors.

APPE
LAKE
SCOT
UNIO
WINS
CLARION-LEDGER

CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF 6-15-98

ECCC ADDS BASEBALL SIGNEES

DECATUR--East Central Community College head baseball coach Jamie Clark has announced the signing of additional players for the 1998-99 season.

Joining the Diamond Warrior squad are Jayeson McDonald, a 6'1", 175-pound left-handed pitcher/outfielder from Northport, Alabama, and Ken Gregory, a 6'1", 180-pound left-handed pitcher/outfielder from Oak Grove, Louisiana.

The State Champion Diamond Warriors recently completed the season with a 32-22 record.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER ✓
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER
CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF 11-30-98

McDill awarded ECCC scholarship

East Central Community College sophomore baseball player Dennis McDill of Edinburg was recently awarded a scholarship by Diamond Warrior head coach Jamie Clark. McDill, a 6' 2", 190-pound right-handed pitcher, was a walk-on member on last year's state championship squad.

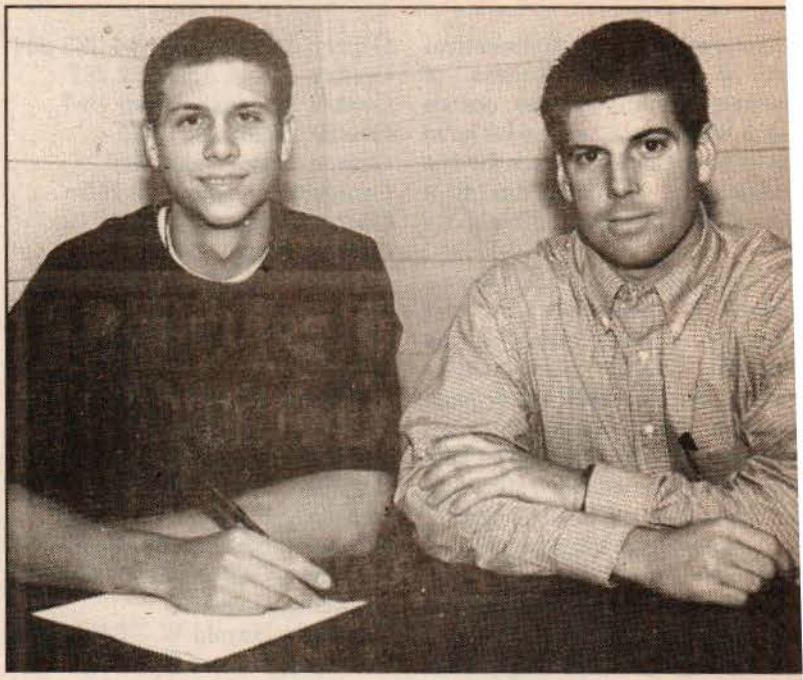
The Leake Academy product saw limited action on the mound last season, as he registered approximately 15 innings of relief work. This past fall he became a member of the starting rotation and led the Warrior pitching staff with a .64 earned run average. At Leake Academy, he posted a 1.95 ERA his senior season and a 1.9 ERA during his junior campaign.

Coach Clark praised his most recent signee.

"Dennis has earned a scholarship through his hard work and success on the mound. He should play a major role in the upcoming season."

The Diamond Warrior head mentor said it is not uncommon for walk-ons to earn a spot on the baseball team.

"Walk-ons have played a very important part of the East Central Community College baseball program. Every year we have had someone to come in and earn a scholarship, and Dennis is a great example of how hard work and determination can pay off."



Sophomore Dennis McDill of Edinburg is now a scholarship member of the East Central Community College baseball team. The Leake Academy product and freshman walk-on is shown signing a national letter of-intent with ECCC as Diamond Warrior assistant coach Neal Holliman looks on. McDill is the son of Glenn and Barbara McDill of Edinburg.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ✓
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 11-16-98

Ole Miss signs ECCC standout

East Central Community College baseball standout Jason Willis of Philadelphia has signed a national letter of intent with the University of Mississippi.

Willis, a 6'4", 220-pound pitcher/first baseman, posted a 9-3 mark on the mound for the 1998 Diamond Warriors who captured the College's first ever state baseball championship. The right-handed hurler recorded 103 strikeouts and registered a 2.82 earned run average.

The Neshoba Central High School product is also an offensive threat. He batted .334 last season and hit 13 home runs. In addition, he collected 50 RBI's.

Willis received numerous honors following the Diamond Warriors' 32-22 campaign. He was an All-Region 23 and All-State selection and was named most valuable player in the South Division. In addition, he received the Diamond Warriors' most valuable player award.

Willis is a business major at East Central and has a 3.5 grade point average. His parents are Linda and Derrell Willis of Philadelphia.

Diamond Warrior head coach Jamie Clark said Willis turned down offers from the University of Southern Mississippi, Northeast Louisiana and South Alabama to sign with Ole Miss.

Diamond Warrior pitcher/first baseman Jason Willis will continue his athletic career with the University of Mississippi. The Neshoba Central High School product is shown during the scholarship signing ceremony with his parents, Derrell and Linda Willis of Philadelphia.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ✓
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 8-24-98

Receive State Championship Rings!

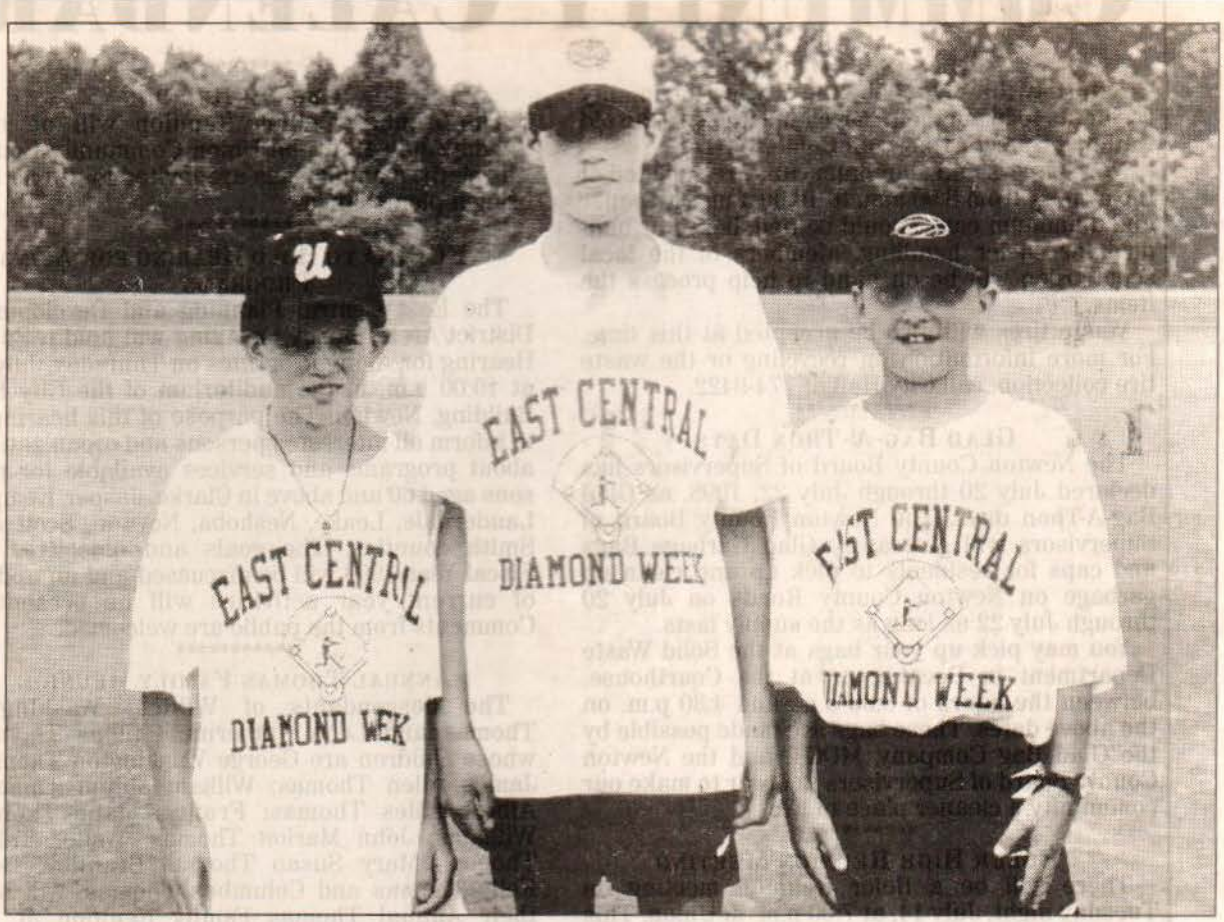
DECATUR--These members of the 1998 East Central Community College baseball team proudly display rings they received for winning the College's first state championship in the sport. Seated from left are pitcher Jason Willis, Neshoba Central High School; shortstop Ron Perkins, Louisville; and assistant coach Neal Holliman. Standing from left are head coach Jamie Clark; pitcher Dan Gressett, Lake; outfielder Greg Wood, Newton County; pitcher Dennis McDill, Leake Academy; and College president Dr. Eddie M. Smith. Each team member was presented a championship ring earlier this summer. East Central won the state title by defeating defending champion Gulf Coast 15-8 on May 3. The Diamond Warriors advanced to Region 23 Tournament competition en route to a 32-22 season record.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER ✓
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF 7-6-98



Union athletes sweep EC MVP awards

These young athletes from Union were recently selected as most valuable players in their respective age group at the annual East Central Community College baseball camp. From left are Jacob Casey (ages 10-12), Jody Blount (ages 13-14), and Tyler Hansford (ages 7-9. EC head baseball coach Jamie Clark served as camp director.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL ✓
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 7-6-98

These sophomore members of the 1998 East Central Community College baseball team were recently recognized for their accomplishments over the past two seasons. This year's squad posted a 32-22 record and captured the school's first state championship in baseball. The 1997 Diamond Warriors went 40-18 and were the state runner-up. Seated from left are Rusty Cumberland, Bo Grace, Eric Weaver, Ron Perkins, Brian Hardy, Jay McLendon, Paul Clearman, (standing) Seth Hebert, Scott Stephens, Chris Tullos, Dan Gressett, Joey Smith, Greg Wood, and Zach Sanders. The Warriors are led by coach Jamie Clark whose 11-year record stands at 300-216. His assistants are Neal Holliman and Lee Eady.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ✓
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 7-6-98

Conducting Diamond Week, a four-day baseball camp, at East Central Community College are, from left, Brian Hardy, EC assistant coach Neal Holliman, Luke Gibbon, Dan Gressett, Ron Perkins, and Jamie Clark. Clark said over 60 area athletes attended camp this year.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ✓
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 1-5-98

EC wins two over MS Delta

East Central teams started the new year in fine fashion with two home wins over Mississippi Delta. The Lady Warriors won 81-71 to move their record to 8-4, while the Warriors cruised to a 77-49 win for a 6-7 record.

Quintina Edwards led the EC women with 17 points. Wendy Mapp had 16, Nicole Barrett, 13, and Jamie Floyd finished with 10.

Delta led by one at the break, 38-37.

Demondo Mingo of Choctaw Central led the Warriors with 18. Also scoring in double figures were Danielle Johnson with 12, Gilberto Venzen at 11, and Brian Hillie with 10.

The Warriors were cruising at halftime with a 39-12 lead.

East Central will host Holmes on Thursday, Jan. 8, and will travel to Hinds Jan. 12, and Jones Jan. 15.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN ✓
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 1-5-97

ECCC women win twice

The Lady Warriors of East Central Community College went 2-0 in last week's basketball action, while the Warriors posted a 1-1 showing.

The Lady Warriors entered this week with a 10-4 record, while the EC men were 7-8.

• **EC women 90, Gulf Coast 77:** The Lady Warriors rallied from a 44-40 halftime deficit to knock off Gulf Coast in South Division action in Decatur on Jan. 6.

Wendy Mapp of Newton County led the Lady Warriors with 20 points. Denise Chapman of Newton scored 16, Nicole Barrett added 12, Ellake Murray of Scott Central and Jamie Floyd had 11 apiece, Charissa Williams tossed in 10, while Sonya Pinkston and Quintina Edwards both had four.

EC improved to 9-4 overall and 2-1 in the South Division.

Gulf Coast fell to 5-8 overall.

• **Gulf Coast men 65, EC men 61:** The Jan. 6 division contest in Decatur didn't turn out as well for the Warriors as they were unable to make up a 38-31 halftime deficit.

Toronto Parker of Forest led EC with 13 points. Desmond Reed scored nine, Newton's Brian Hillie tossed in eight, Ray Waddell of Philadelphia and Ken Russell of Newton County scored seven apiece, while Bobby Carter and Herbert Montgomery both had six.

The Warriors fell to 6-8 overall and 0-3 in the South Division.

Gulf Coast improved to 12-3 overall.

• **EC women 66, Holmes 61:** Nicole Barrett scored 16 points and Jamie Floyd added 15 to lead the 10-4 Lady Warriors to Thursday's win in Decatur.

The contest was tied at 29-29 at halftime.

Ellake Murray scored 11 points for EC, while Wendy Mapp tossed in seven, Sharae Brown and Quintina Edwards both had six, and Charissa Williams added four.

Lucinda Brittan had 18 points and Emily Parks tossed in 14 for Larry Therrell's 4-10 Lady Bulldogs of Holmes.

• **EC men 65, Holmes 60:** The Warriors outscored Holmes 40-34 in the second half to take Thursday's non-division contest in Decatur.

In improving to 7-8, the Warriors got 15 points from Ken Russell, 13 from Brian Hillie, 10 from Gilberto Venzen, six each from Demando Mingo and Bobby Carter, and five from Herbert Montgomery.

Holmes, 4-10, got 23 points from Raymond Appleberry.

East Central's Quintina Edwards (34 at right) shoots over Mississippi Delta's Amy Ziegler (11) in a recent Lady Warrior win.

APPEARE
LAKE ME
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL ✓
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF 1-12-98

ECCC Warrior basketball teams humble Holmes

The new year began on a successful note for the East central Community college basketball teams who posted easy victories over visiting Mississippi Delta on Saturday night. The Lady Warriors, now 8-4, claimed an 81-71 decision over Delta's Lady Trojans while the Warriors, who improved to 6-7, cruised to a 77-49 blowout over the hapless Trojans.

Quintina Edwards, a freshman from Vigor, Alabama, led the East Central women in scoring with 17 points. Other pointmakers were Wendy Mapp of Newton County High School, 16; Nicole Barrett of Morton, 13; Jamie Floyd of Smackover, Arkansas, 10; Sharae Brown of Scott Central, seven; Ellake Murray of Scott Central, Marina Carter of Philadelphia and Charissa Williams of Terrebonne, Louisiana, four each; Denise Chapman of Newton, three; Felisha Temple of Newton County, two; and Sonya Pinkston of Forest, one.

Delta led 38-37 at half-time.

Freshman Demondo Mingo of Choctaw Central led the Warriors with 18 points. Also scoring were Danielle Johnson of Dodge County, Georgia, 12; Gilberto Venzen, also of Dodge County, 11; Brian Hillie of Newton, 10; Toronto Parker of Forest and Ken Russell of Newton County, eight each; Herbert Montgomery of Acadiana(Louisiana) High School, six; Bobby Carter of Noxapater, three; and Desmond Reed of Carthage, one. Tim Overstreet of Carthage, Ray Waddell of Philadelphia and Keith Bell of Choctaw Central also saw action.

East Central led 39-12 at half-time.

In games scheduled this week, East Central teams will host Gulf Coast on Tuesday, January 6 and Holmes on Thursday, January 8. Both squads travel to Hinds on Monday, January 12 and Jones on Thursday, January 15. All home games begin at 6:00 and 7:45 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 1-12-98

ECCC Lady Warriors win pair

By MARTY STAMPER
Democrat sports editor

The Lady Warriors of East Central Community College went 2-0 in last week's action as they improved to 10-4.

The Warriors split a pair of games to go to 7-8.

• **EC women 90, Gulf Coast 77:** The Lady Warriors improved to 2-1 in the South Division and 9-4 overall with the Jan. 6 win in Decatur.

Gulf Coast led 44-40 at halftime, but the second half belonged to EC as Sammy Pace's squad scored 50 points.

Wendy Mapp led EC with 20 points. Denise Chapman scored 16, Nicole Barrett had 12, Ellake Murray and Jamie Floyd added 11 apiece, and Charissa Williams tossed in 10.

• **Gulf Coast men 65, EC 61:** The Warriors fell to 0-3 in the South Division and 6-8 overall with the Jan. 6 loss to 12-3 Gulf Coast at Decatur.

Toronto Parker led EC with 13 points. Desmond Reed had nine, Brian Hillie added eight, Ray Waddell and Ken Russell both scored seven, while Herbert Montgomery and Bobby Carter each had six.

EC's Demando Mingo (33) of Choctaw Central drives to the basket in a recent game with Mississippi Delta.

• **EC women 66, Holmes 61:** The Lady Warriors improved to 10-4 with Thursday's win in Decatur. EC outscored the Lady Bulldogs 37-32 in the second half after going into halftime tied at 29-29.

Leading the way for the Lady Warriors were Nicole Barrett with 16 points, Jamie Floyd with 15, Ellake Murray with 11, Wendy Mapp with seven, and Sharae Brown and Quintina Edwards with six apiece.

• **EC men 65, Holmes 60:** A 40-34 scoring advantage in the second half propelled the Warriors to Thursday's win in Decatur.

In improving to 7-8, EC got 15 points from Ken Russell, 13 from Brian Hillie, 10 from Gilberto Venzen, and six each from Demando Mingo and Bobby Carter.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ✓
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 1-12-98

ECCC Sweeps Holmes; Splits With Gulf Coast

The Lady Warriors of East Central Community College posted their tenth win of the season and the improving Warriors moved closer to the .500 mark as both squads claimed five-point wins over visiting Holmes Community College Thursday night in the Brackeen/Wood Physical Education Building.

East Central's women, now 10-4 overall and still 2-1 in Sosuth Division action, escaped with a 66-61 decision over the Lady Bulldogs while the Warriors, 7-8 and 0-3, held on for a 65-60 victory. Both Holmes teams fell to 4-10.

Nicole Barrett of Morton led the Lady Warrior attack with 16 points. Other scorers were Jamie Floyd, 15, of Smackover, Arkansas; Ellake Murray, 11, of Scott Central; Wendy Mapp, seven; of Newton County; Sharae Brown of Scott Central and Quintina Edwards of Vigor, Alabama, six each; Charissa Williams, four, of Terrebonne, Louisiana; and Denise Chapman, one, of Newton.

In the men's game, East Central was led by Ken Russell of Newton County who tallied 15 points. Also scoring were Brian Hillie, 13, of Newton; Gilberto Vnezen, 10, of Dodge County, Ga.; Bobby Carter of Noxapater and Demondo Mingo of Choctaw Central, six each; Herbert Montgomery, five, of Acadiana, La.; Danielle Johnson of Dodge County, Ga. and Ray Waddell of Philadelphia, three each; Toronto Parker of Forest and Keith Bell of Choctaw Central, two each.

Holmes led 26-25 at halftime.

East Central split decisions with Gulf Coast in games played Jan. 6 in Decatur. The Lady Warriors rallied for a 90-77 win while the Warriors fell 65-61 to the highly regarded Bulldogs.

Lady Warrior pointmakers were Mapp, 20; Chapman, 16; Barrett, 12; Murray and Floyd, 11 each; Williams, 10; Sonya Pinkston of forest and Edwards, four each; and Brown, two.

Gulf Coast led 44-40 at intermission.

Parker's 13 points led East Central against the Gulf Coast men who entered the division

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD___✓___
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Jan 21 1998

EC Warriors win two in league

By MARTY STAMPER
Democrat sports editor

The East Central Community College Warriors won a pair of South Division contests last week to improve to 9-8 for the season.

The Lady Warriors went 1-1 and entered this week with an 11-5 mark.

• **EC women 76, Hinds 49:** The Lady Warriors held a slim 34-29 halftime lead before whipping Hinds by 27 at Utica on Jan. 13.

Nicole Barrett led EC with 20 points. Jamie Floyd scored 10, Sharae Brown and Denise Chapman both had nine, Wendy Mapp and Charissa Williams both had seven, and Marina Carter added five.

The Lady Warriors improved to 11-4 overall and 3-1 in the South Division.

• **EC men 60, Hinds 53:** The Warriors outscored Hinds 25-20 in the second half to claim their first South Division win of the season on Jan. 13 at Utica. EC led 35-33 at halftime.

Gilberto Venzen led the Warriors with 17 points. Herbert Montgomery scored 13, Brian Hillie had seven, Danielle Johnson added five, and Ray Waddell, Toronto Parker, and Tim Overstreet each had four.

EC improved to 8-8 overall and 1-3 in the South Division.

• **Jones women 71, EC 68:** The Lady Warriors missed a chance at knocking off the nation's No. 20 team as they missed two close shots in the final seconds of Thursday's contest at Ellisville.

Following a foul after a rebound, the Lady Bobcats made two free throws for the final three-point margin.

Jones led 34-33 at halftime.

EC, 11-5 overall and 3-2 in the South Division, got 19 points from Jamie Floyd, 18 from Nicole Barrett, 17 from Charissa Williams, six from Wendy Mapp, and four each from Marina Carter and Sharae Brown.

Jones, 14-1 and 5-0, got 19 points from Brandy Rogers, 17 from Sonya McLaurin, and 15 from Tracy Sullivan.

EC's Keith Bell (44) of Choctaw Central shoots as teammate Gilberto Venzen (30) looks on.

• **EC men 64, Jones 59:** The Warriors improved to 9-8 overall and 2-3 in the South Division with Thursday's win at Ellisville.

EC led 32-27 at halftime.

The Warriors got 22 points from Gilberto Venzen, 13 from Ken Russell, 12 from Danielle Johnson, 11 from Bobby Carter, and six from Herbert Montgomery.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT___X___
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Jan 21, 1998

ECCC men win two South Division games

The East Central Community College Warriors won both of their basketball games last week to improve to 9-8.

The Lady Warriors defeated Hinds before losing at Jones to enter this week with an 11-5 mark.

EC hosts Pearl River Thursday night. Former Union girls coach Polly Kirkland leads the Lady Wildcats of PRCC.

• **EC women 76, Hinds 49:** The Lady Warriors put a 27-point whipping on Hinds on Jan. 13 at Utica.

The Lady Warriors pulled out to a 34-29 lead by halftime.

Nicole Barrett led EC in scoring with 20 points. Jamie Floyd had 10, Sharae Brown and Denise Chapman both had nine, Wendy Mapp and Charissa Williams both scored seven, and Marina Carter had five.

The Lady Warriors improved to 11-4 overall and 3-1 in the South Division.

• **EC men 60, Hinds 53:** The Warriors got their first South Division win on Jan. 13 at Utica.

Leading 35-33 at halftime, the Warriors outscored Hinds 25-20 over the final 20 minutes.

EC, 8-8 overall and 1-3 in the South Division, got 17 points from Gilberto Venzen, 13 from Herbert Montgomery, seven from Brian Hillie, five from Danielle Johnson, and four apiece from Ray Waddell, Toronto Parker, and Tim Overstreet.

• **Jones women 71, EC 68:** The Lady Warriors' hopes of knocking off the nation's 20th-ranked team came up just short Thursday at Ellisville.

Trailing by one, the Lady Warriors missed two close shots in the final seconds, then fouled after a Jones rebound with the Lady Bobcats making two free throws for the final three-point differential.

Jones led 34-33 at halftime.

EC, 11-5 overall and 3-2 in the South Division, got 19 points from Jamie Floyd, 18 from Nicole Barrett, 17 from Charissa Williams, six from Wendy Mapp, and four each from Sharae Brown and Marina Carter.

• **EC men 64, Jones 59:** Gilberto Venzen scored 22 points to lead the Warriors to Thursday's win at Ellisville.

EC, 9-8 overall and 2-3 in the South Division, led 32-27 at halftime and battled the Bobcats on even terms in the second half.

Ken Russell added 13 points for the Warriors, while Danielle Johnson scored 12, Bobby Carter 11, and Herbert Montgomery six.

East Central Community College

Basketball Schedule

Jan. 20 – Copiah-Lincoln
Jan. 22 – Pearl River
Jan. 26 – at Southwest
Jan. 29 – at Gulf Coast
Feb. 2 – at Holmes
Feb. 5 – Hinds
Feb. 9 – Jones
Feb. 12 – at Copiah-Lincoln
Feb. 16-19 – South State Tournament at Pearl River

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL X
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Jan 28, 1998

EC women pop Pearl River

By MARTY STAMPER
Democrat sports editor

The Lady Warriors provided East Central Community College with its only win in last week's basketball action as they upset Pearl River Thursday night to improve to 12-6.

The Warriors lost a pair of heartbreakers by four and three points as they fell to 9-10.

• **Copiah-Lincoln women 78, EC 69:** The Lady Warriors fell to 3-3 in the South Division with the Jan. 20 loss in Decatur.

Co-Lin led 40-36 at halftime.

Nicole Barrett of Morton led 11-6 EC with 28 points. Sharae Brown scored 11, Ellake Murray had nine, Denise Chapman and Wendy Mapp both had six, and Charissa Williams tossed in five.

Katrina Dotson led 13-4 Co-Lin with 18 points. Kristina Hollosy scored 17 and Kizzy Green had 16.

• **Copiah-Lincoln men 57, EC 53:** The Warriors led 25-23 at halftime before losing the Jan. 20 South Division contest in Decatur.

Herbert Montgomery led the 9-9 Warriors with 18 points. Gilberto Venzen scored 12, Ken Russell had eight, Danielle Johnson had five, and Desmond Reed and Toronto Parker both scored four.

Jimmy Walton had 14 for the 10-7 Wolves. Ben Adams scored 12, while Blake Case and Broderic McCoy both had 11.

• **EC women 88, Pearl River 82:** The Lady Warriors led by as much as 16 points in avenging a 116-78 loss on Dec. 2 at Pearl River in Thursday's rematch in Decatur.

EC led 48-36 at halftime.

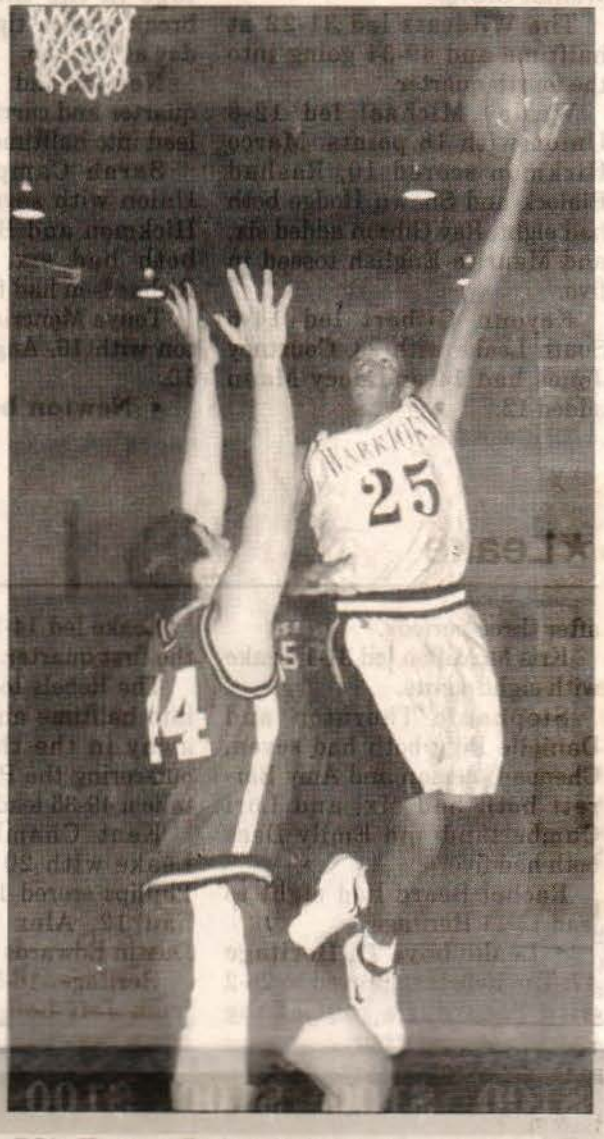
Nicole Barrett led the 12-6 Lady Warriors with 25 points. Wendy Mapp scored 15, Sharae Brown and Philadelphia's Marina Carter both had 11, Ellake Murray scored nine, Jamie Floyd had eight, and Charissa Williams added seven.

Norma Noel led 11-6 Pearl River with 28. Datishella Byrd had 19 and Jasmine Baldwin scored 15.

• **Pearl River men 65, EC 62:** The Warriors again had their chances but let them slip away in losing Thursday's division contest in Decatur.

Pearl River led 28-27 at halftime, but EC took a 55-51 lead on a layup by Ray Waddell. The Wildcats scored 14 of the final 21 points for the win.

Herbert Montgomery led 9-10 EC with 20 points. Gilberto Venzen scored 16, Ken Russell had 13, Waddell had five, and Danielle Johnson scored four.



EC's Toronto Parker (25) shoots a running one-hander in a recent game.

Wylie Kirby led Pearl River with 15. Marcus Mackey had 14 and Geremy Robinson added 13.

• **Warrior notes:** ECCC will host "Be Our Guest Night" on Feb. 5 during the EC-Hinds games. All area high school seniors are encouraged to attend. Free tickets are available from district high school counselors. The women's game tips off at 6 p.m. and the men's at 7:45.

Freshman guard Demando Mingo of Choctaw Central is lost for the remainder of the season after suffering a broken foot in practice.

APP
LAK
SCO
UNI
WIN
CLA

X

WEEK OF Jan 28, 1998

East Central Lady Warriors defeat Pearl River CC 88-82

A two-game losing streak came to an end for the East Central Community College Lady Warriors who turned back visiting Pearl River 88-82 Thursday night in the Brakeen-Wood gym on the Decatur campus. The South Division win not only improved East Central's record to 12-6 overall and 4-3 in league action, the victory also avenged a 112-78 loss to the Lady Wildcats in December. The Pearl River women are now 11-6 and 5-2.

East Central was led in scoring by sophomore Nicole Barrett of Morton who pumped in 25 points. Also scoring were Wendy Mapp of Newton County High School, 15; Sharae Brown of Scott Central and Marina Carter of Philadelphia, 11 each; Ellake Murray of Scott Central, nine; Jamie Floyd of Smackover, Arkansas, eight; Charissa Williams of Terrebonne, Louisiana, seven; and Tina Edwards of Vigor, Alabama, two.

The Lady Warriors led 48-36 at halftime.

In men's action, the Warriors were nipped 65-62 and fell to 9-10 overall and 2-5 in the division. Pointmakers were Herbert Montgomery of Lafayette, 20; Gilberto Venzen of Dodge County, Georgia, 16; Ken Russell of Newton County, 13; Ray Waddell of Philadelphia, five; Danielle Johnson of Dodge County Georgia, four; and Bobby Carter of Noxapater and Toronto Parker of Forest, two each.

Pearl River led 28-27 at halftime.

In games played against Copiah-Lincoln on January 20, the Warriors fell 78-69 while the EC men dropped a 57-53 decision.

Pointmakers for the EC women were Barrett, 28; Brown and Murray, nine each; Denise Chapman and Mapp, six each; Williams, five; Floyd and Sonya Pinkston of Forest, two each.

The Lady Wolves led 40-36 at halftime.

Warrior scorers were Montgomery, 18; Venzen, 12; Russell, eight; Johnson, five; Desmond Reed of Carthage and Parker, four each; and Tim Overstreet of Carthage, two.

East Central led 25-23 at halftime.

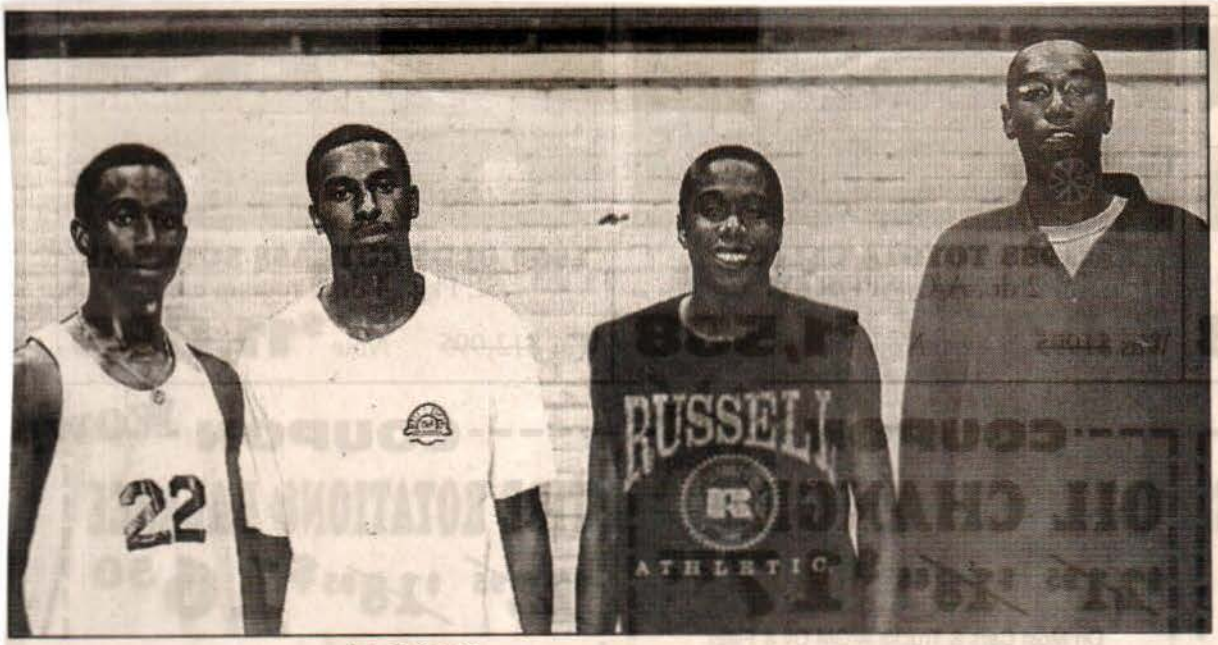
Games scheduled this week include road contests at Southwest on Monday, January 26 and at Gulf Coast on Thursday, January 29. East Central travels to Holmes on Monday, February 2 and hosts Hinds on Thursday, February 5. All home games begin at 6:00 and 7:45.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES X
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Jan 28, 1998



ECCC tourney runners-up

"No Limit" placed second in the men's three-on-three intramural basketball league competition held at East Central Community College. Team members include (from left) Devlin Chapman of Newton County, Carlos Jenkins of Forest, and Rufus Hardy and Paul Moffett, both of Newton. Coach Mike Anderson serves as director of the College's intramural program. (EC photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES X
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Jan 28, 1998

ECCC Lady Warriors knock off

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors upset Pearl River Thursday in Decatur to improve to 12-6.

The EC women had lost to Copiah-Lincoln earlier in the week.

The Warriors had an 0-2 week, suffering a pair of close division losses, as they fell to 9-10.

EC travels to Southwest and Gulf Coast this week.

• **Co-Lin women 78, EC 69:** The Lady Warriors fell to 11-6 overall and 3-3 in the South Division with the Jan. 20 loss in Decatur despite a game-high 28 points from Nicole Barrett of Morton.

The Lady Warriors trailed 40-36 at halftime.

Sharae Brown added 11 points for EC, while Ellake Murray scored nine, Denise Chapman and Wendy Mapp both had six, and Charissa Williams scored five.

Katrina Dotson scored 18 to lead Co-Lin (13-4, 4-2). Kristina Hollosy scored 17 and Kizzy Green had 16.

• **Co-Lin men 57, EC 53:** The Wolves used a 34-28 advantage in the second half to take the win on Jan. 20 in Decatur.

EC led 25-23 at halftime.

The Warriors fell to 2-4 in the South Division and 9-9 overall.

Herbert Montgomery of Lafayette, La., led EC with 18 points. Gilberto Venzen scored 12, Ken Russell had eight, Danielle Johnson had five, and Desmond Reed and Toronto Parker both had four.

Jimmy Walton led Co-Lin, 10-7, with 14, while Ben Adams had 12.

• **EC women 88, Pearl River 82:** The Lady Warriors cleared their biggest hurdle of the season when they shocked Pearl River Thursday in Decatur.

Pearl River had put a 112-78 whipping on the Lady Warriors on Dec. 2 at Poplarville.

In the rematch, the Lady Warriors led 48-36 at halftime and led by as much as 16.

Nicole Barrett led EC with 25 points. Wendy Mapp scored 15, Marina Carter and Sharae Brown both had 11, Ellake Murray had nine, Jamie Floyd eight, and Charissa Williams seven.

EC improved to 12-6 overall and 4-3 in the South Division.

Norma Noel led Pearl River (11-6, 5-2) with a game-high 28

It was a case of deja vu all over again for Union fans attending the East Central-Pearl River women's basketball game last week in Decatur as PRCC coach Polly Kirkland wants to know just what game the ref is watching. Kirkland coached the Lady Jackets of Union from 1979-86.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL X

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

Week of January 28, 1998

Pearl River; Warriors drop pair

East Central Community College
Basketball Schedule

Jan. 29 – at Gulf Coast
Feb. 2 – at Holmes
Feb. 5 – Hinds
Feb. 9 – Jones
Feb. 12 – at Co-Lin
Feb. 16-19 – South State at Pearl River

points. Datishella Byrd added 19.

• **Pearl River men 65, EC 62:** It was another case of close but no cigar for the Warriors in Thursday's loss in Decatur.

EC got into an 11-2 hole right off the bat before rallying to within 28-27 by halftime.

Pearl River had a 37-35 advantage over the final 20 minutes, although the Warriors did have a 55-51 lead following a layup by Ray Waddell.

Herbert Montgomery led the Warriors with 20 points. Gilberto Venzen scored 16 points and had 15 rebounds, Ken Russell had 13 points, Waddell added five, and Danielle Johnson scored four.

EC fell to 9-10 overall and 2-5 in the South Division.

Wylie Kirby had 15 to lead Pearl River (14-4, 5-2). Marcus Mackey added 14 for the Wildcats, while Geremy Robinson tossed in 13.

• **Be Our Guest Night:** EC is hosting "Be Our Guest Night" for area high school seniors on Thursday, Feb. 5, during the EC-Hinds basketball games.

All area high school seniors are encouraged to attend. Free tickets are available from district high school counselors. The special guests will be recognized during halftime of each game and door prize drawings will be held throughout the evening.

The women's game tips off at 6 p.m. with the men's game slated to begin at 7:45.

For more information, contact the Office of Student Services at 635-2111, ext. 205.

WEEK OF Feb 4, 1998

ECCC Lady Warriors sweep Gulf Coast and Southwest CC

It was another good week for East Central Community College's Lady Warriors who rallied for a 72-64 win over homestanding Gulf Coast Thursday night and claimed a hard-fought 93-91 overtime win over Southwest, Monday, January 26 in Summit. The Warriors were not as fortunate, falling 79-65 to the Bulldogs and 88-72 to the Southwest Bears.

With the pair of victories, the ECCC women improved to 14-6 overall and 6-3 in division action. The Warriors are now 9-12 and 2-7.

Nicole Barrett, of Morton, led Lady Warrior scorers against Gulf Coast with 17 points. Also scoring were: Wendy Mapp of Newton County, 15; Jamie Floyd of Smackover, Arkansas, 13; Charissa Williams of Terrebonne, Louisiana, six; Denise Chapman of Newton, Sharae Brown of Scott Central and Marina Carter of Philadelphia, five each; Ellake Murray of Scott Central, four; and Sonya Pinkston of Forest, two.

Gulf Coast led 35-23 at halftime.

In the men's contest, Herbert Montgomery of Lafayette, Louisiana, led East Central with 27 points. Other scorers were Bobby Carter of Noxapater, 11; Gilberto Venzen, nine and Danielle Johnson, eight, both of Dodge County, Georgia; Ray Waddell of Philadelphia, five; Ken Russell of Newton County, three; and Toronto Parker of Forest, two.

Gulf Coast led 33-22 at halftime.

In games against Southwest, Barrett led the Lady Warriors with 27 points. Also scoring were Murray, 16; Brown, 15; Williams and Floyd, 10 each; Chapman seven; Carter and Mapp, three each; and Tina Edwards of Vigor, Alabama, two.

The score was deadlocked 22-22 at halftime.

The Warriors were led by Montgomery and Venzen who each tallied 21 points. Other pointmakers were Johnson and Parker, eight each; Waddell, six; Carter and Russell, four each.

East Central led 38-33 at halftime.

Remaining season games include road contests at Holmes on Monday, February 2 and Co-Lin on Thursday, February 12, and home contests with Hinds on Thursday, February 5 and Jones on Monday, February 9.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES X

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Feb 4, 1998

EC women gear up for stretch

By MARTY STAMPER
Democrat sports editor

The Lady Warriors of East Central Community College defeated Southwest and Gulf Coast in South Division action last week to improve to 14-6 overall and 6-3 in league play.

The Warriors lost both of their games as they fell to 9-12 and 2-7.

• **EC women 93, Southwest 91 (OT):** The Lady Warriors got 27 points from Nicole Barrett as they beat Southwest on Jan. 26 in Summit.

Southwest led 37-36 at halftime.

Ellake Murray scored 16, Sharae Brown had 15, Charissa Williams and Jamie Floyd both had 10, while Denise Chapman added seven for Sammy Pace's squad.

EC improved to 5-3 in the South Division and 13-6 overall with the win.

• **Southwest men 88, EC 72:** The Warriors held a 38-33 halftime lead in the South Division contest at Summit on Jan. 26 but the Bears owned the second half by a 55-34 margin to take the win.

Herbert Montgomery and Gilberto Venzen both scored 21 points to lead EC. Danielle Johnson and Toronto Parker both had eight, while Ray Waddell scored six.

The Warriors fell to 9-11 overall and 2-6 in the South Division.

• **EC women 72, Gulf Coast 64:** The Lady Warriors won for the eighth time in their last 10 outings in Thursday's division contest at Perkinston.

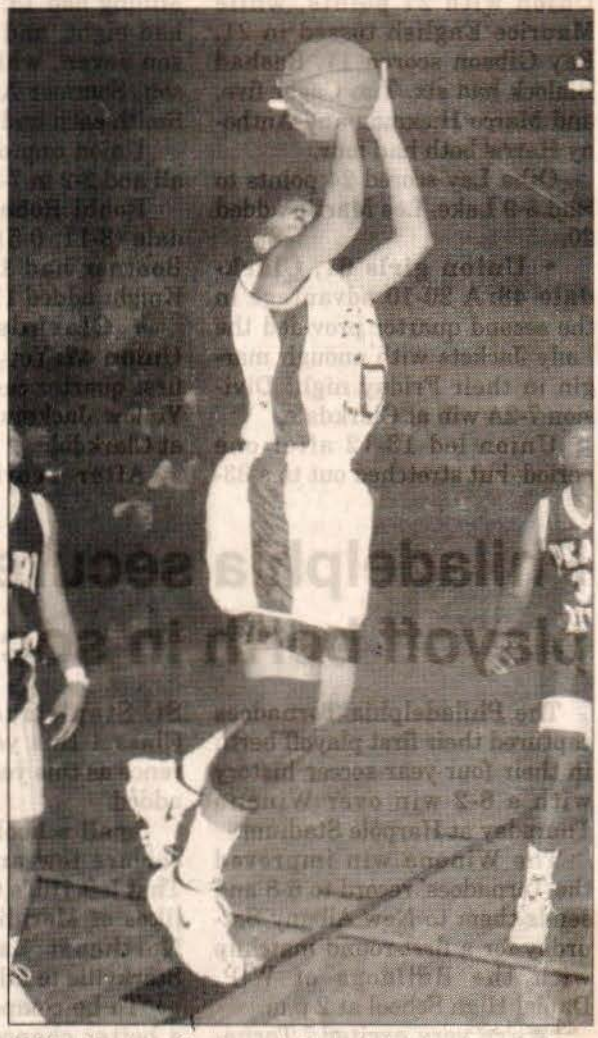
Nicole Barrett led EC with 17 points. Wendy Mapp had 15, Jamie Floyd 13, and Charissa Williams six, while Denise Chapman, Sharae Brown, and Marina Carter each had five.

Gulf Coast led 35-23 at halftime.

The Lady Warriors improved to 14-6 overall and 6-3 in the division.

• **Gulf Coast men 79, EC 65:** The Warriors lost their fourth game in a row Thursday at Perkinston as they fell to 9-12 overall and 2-7 in division play.

Herbert Montgomery led EC with 27 points. Bobby Carter had 11, Gilberto Venzen nine, Danielle Johnson eight, and Ray Waddell five.



EC's Marina Carter of Philadelphia shoots in a recent win over Pearl River. The Lady Warriors improved to 14-6 with a pair of South Division wins last week.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT X
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Feb 4, 1998

EC women win two

It was another good week for East Central Community College's Lady Warriors who rallied for a 72-64 win over homestanding Gulf Coast Thursday night after taking a hard-fought 93-91 overtime win at Southwest on Jan. 26.

The two wins improved the Lady Warriors' record to 14-6.

The Warriors were not as fortunate, falling 79-65 to Gulf Coast and 88-72 to Southwest.

The EC men's record dipped to 9-12.

• **EC women 93, Southwest 91 (OT):** Nicole Barrett of Morton scored 27 points to lead the Lady Warriors to the Jan. 26 win at Summit.

The Scott Central duo of Ellake Murray and Sharae Brown had 16 and 15 points respectively. Charissa Williams and Jamie Floyd added 10 each, while Denise Chapman scored seven.

The score was deadlocked at 22-22 at halftime.

With the win, the Lady Warriors improved to 13-6 overall and 5-3 in the South Division.

• **Southwest men 88, EC 72:** EC let a 38-33 halftime lead get away in losing at Summit on Jan. 26.

Herbert Montgomery of Lafayette, La., and Gilberto Venzen of Eastman, Ga., led the Warriors with 21 points apiece. Danielle Johnson and Toronto Parker both had eight, while Ray Waddell scored six. Bobby Carter and Ken Russell both added four.

EC fell to 9-11 overall and 2-6 in the South Division.

• **EC women 72, Gulf Coast 64:** The Lady Warriors were again led by Nicole Barrett as she tossed in 17 points to comeplete EC's comeback from a 35-23 halftime deficit.

Wendy Mapp of Newton County scored 15, Jamie Floyd had 13, Charissa Williams tossed in six, while Denise Chapman, Sharae Brown, and Marina Carter each had five.

EC improved to 14-6 overall and 6-3 in the South Division with the win.

East Central Community College

Basketball Schedule

Feb. 5 – Hinds
Feb. 9 – Jones
Feb. 12 – at Co-Lin
Feb. 16-19 – South State at Pearl River
Feb. 23-24 – State Tournament (TBA)
March 2-5 – Region 23 Tournament at Miss. College

• **Gulf Coast men 79, EC 65:** Gulf Coast jumped out to a 33-22 halftime lead in taking Thursday's win at Perkinston.

Herbert Montgomery led EC with 27 points. Bobby Carter scored 11, Gilberto Venzen had nine, Danielle Johnson had eight, and Ray Waddell had five.

EC fell to 9-12 overall and 2-7 in the South Division.

CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

X

URNAL

CLARION-LEDGER

WEEK OF Feb 11, 1998

East Central Lady Warriors down Hinds Lady Eagles 87-70

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors claimed their fourth straight victory and third consecutive division win by outscoring Hinds 87-70 Thursday night in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus. East Central's women, now 16-6 overall and 7-3 in South Division action, are in tight battle for league honors as regular season action concludes this week.

Pacing the Lady Warrior attack was Morton High School product Nicole Barrett who pumped in 26 points. Other scorers were Wendy Mapp of Newton County, 23; Denise Chapman of Newton and Jamie Floyd of Smackover, Arkansas, 11 each; Charissa Williams of Terrebonne, Louisiana, eight each; Marina Carter of Philadelphia and Tina Edwards of Vigor, Alabama, four each.

East Central led 44-38 at halftime.

In the men's play, the Warrior fell 53-45 to the visiting Bulldogs. East Central pointmakers were Gilberto Venzen of Dodge County, Georgia, 14; Ken Russell of Newton County, seven; Herbert Montgomery of Lafayette, Louisiana and Toronto Parker of Forest, five each; Brian Hillie of Newton, four; Bobby Carter of Noxapater and Danielle Johnson of Dodge County, Georgia, three each; Desmond Reed and Tim Overstreet, both of Carthage, two each.

Hinds led 27-22 at halftime.

In the games played Monday, February 2, both ECCC-squads claimed victories at Holmes Community College in Goodman. The Lady Warriors cruised to a 72-56 win and the Warriors held on for a 77-70 decision.

Pointmakers for the East Central women were Mapp,14; Chapman,13; Barrett and Williams, 12 each; Floyd, eight; Carter,six; Edwards,four; Brown,two; and Sonya Pinkston of Forest, one.

East Central led 38-26 at halftime.

Warrior scorers were Montgomery, 28; Venzen,22; Johnson,10; Russell,nine; Hillie,four; Ray Waddell of Philadelphia,three; and Carter, one.

The Score was deadlocked 31-31 at intermission.

Only two regular season games remain for both squads-home contests with Jones on Monday, February 9 and away matchups with Co-Lin on Thursday, February 12. South State Tournament action is scheduled February 16-19 at Pearl River Community College in Poplarville.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES X

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Feb 17, 1998

East Central upends Gulf Coast, 74-70

From **Staff, Wire Reports**

Gilberto Venzen scored 20 points Monday to lead the East Central Community College Warriors to a 74-70 win against the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community Bulldogs in the opening round of the South Division Junior College Basketball Tournament at Pearl River.

ECCC, 11-15, advances to face the Southwest-Copiah-Lincoln winner at 4 p.m. Wednesday.

The ECCC Lady Warriors tip off tournament action at Pearl River today at 6 p.m. against Southwest.

EMCC-ECCC baseball game postponed

Today's regularly scheduled junior college baseball game between the East Mississippi Community College Lions and the East Central Community College Warriors has been postponed because of wet grounds. The game will be made up Wednesday at 3 p.m. at ECCC.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR___X___

WEEK OF Feb 18, 1998

ECCC HOOPSTERS PREPARE FOR DIVISION TOURNEY ACTION

Regular season action came to a disappointing end for ECCC basketball teams who lost decisions Thursday night to homestanding Copiah-Lincoln. The Lady Warriors (17-7, 8-4) and Warriors (10-15, 2-10) are now preparing for South State Tournament action scheduled at Pearl River Community College. In the Lady Warriors' 67-61 loss to Co-Lin , pointmakers were Wendy Mapp of Newton County High School, 14; Nicole Barrett of Morton, 12; Denise Chapman of Newton and Charissa Williams of Terrebonne, LA, 10 each; Sharae Brown of Scott Central, six; Jamie Floyd of Smackover, AK, four; Sonya Pinkston of Forest, three; and Tina Edwards of Vigor, AL, two.

Gilberto Venzen of Eastman, GA, scored 18 points to lead the Warriors in their 86-71 loss. Other scorers were Herbert Montgomery of Lafayette, LA, 16; Toronto Parker of Forest, 15; Desmond Reed of Carthage, six; Danielle Johnson of Helena, GA, five; Ken Russell of Newton Co., four; Brian Hillie of Lawrence, three; Ray Waddell of Philadelphia and Bobby Carter of Noxapater, two each.

In games played 2-9, the Lady Warriors clipped Jones 79-78 on Barrett's short jumper with 13 seconds remaining. Mapp led in scoring with 32 points, including five three-pointers. Barrett also had five three-pointers and 21 total points. Also scoring were Pinkston, seven; Floyd, six; Chapman, five; Brown, four; Carter, three; and Williams, one.

In the men's game, the Warriors fell 69-65. Pointmakers were Montgomery, 20 ; Venzen, 17; Johnson and Russell, eight each; Hillie and Reed, four each; Parker, three; and Waddell, one.

DIVISION TOURNEY

The Warriors begin tournament competition by taking on Gulf Coast (19-6, 8-4) at 6 p.m. Monday. The winner will meet the Southwest (19-6, 8-4), Co-Lin (13-11, 4-8) victor at 4 p.m. Wednesday. Finals are set for 8 p.m. Thursday.

The Lady Warriors, led by Coach Sammy Pace, will challenge Southwest (9-15, 4-8) at 6 p.m. Tuesday. The winner will battle Co-Lin (19-5, 9-3) at 2 p.m. Wed. Finals are scheduled at 6 p.m. Thursday.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER X
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER
CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

Week of Feb 2 1995

EC drops pair at Copiah-Lincoln

By MARTY STAMPER
Democrat sports editor

The basketball teams at East Central Community College closed out their regular season with a pair of losses to Copiah-Lincoln Thursday night in Wesson.

The Lady Warriors fell to 17-7, while the Warriors slumped to 10-15.

Both EC teams are participating in the South Division Tournament which began Monday at Pearl River Community College in Poplarville.

The seventh-seeded Warriors were scheduled to square off with second-seeded Gulf Coast Monday night, while the fourth-seeded Lady Warriors drew No. 5 Southwest on Tuesday for their first-round opposition.

• **EC women 79, Jones 78:** The Lady Warriors rallied from a 44-40 halftime deficit to knock off Jones on Feb. 9 in Decatur.

Wendy Mapp of Newton County scored 32 points to lead the Lady Warriors. Nicole Barrett of Morton added 21 points. Sonya Pinkston scored seven, Jamie Floyd had six, Denise Chapman tossed in five, and Sharae Brown had four as EC improved to 17-6 overall and 8-3 in the South Division.

• **Jones men 69, EC 65:** It was yet another in a season full of close losses for the Warriors as they were unable to hang onto a 40-34 halftime lead in the Feb. 9 homecourt loss.

Herbert Montgomery of Lafayette, La., led the Warriors with 20 points. Gilberto Venzen of Eastman, Ga., tossed in 17. Ken Russell of Newton County and Danielle Johnson both scored eight, while Desmond Reed and Brian Hillie both had four.

EC fell to 10-14 overall and 2-9 with their sixth loss in their last seven games.

Jones evened its overall record at 12-12.

• **Co-Lin women 67, EC 61:** The Lady Wolves of Co-Lin clinched the South Division regular season championship with Thursday's homecourt win in Wesson.

Co-Lin led 32-28 at halftime in improving to 19-5 overall and 9-3 in the South Division.

EC fell to 17-7 overall and

WEEK OF Feb 18 1998

8-4 in the South Division.

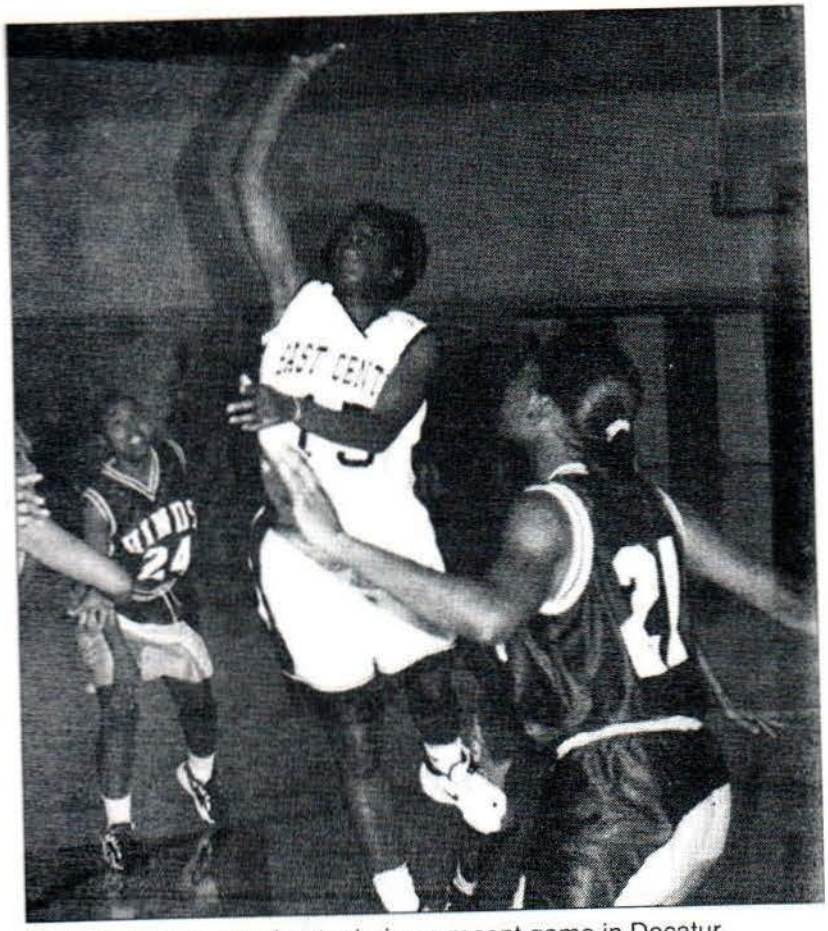
Wendy Mapp led the Lady Warriors with 14 points. Nicole Barrett had 12, Denise Chapman and Charissa Williams tossed in 10 apiece, Sharae Brown had six, and Jamie Floyd scored four.

• **Co-Lin men 86, EC 71:** The Warriors closed out the regular season in the South Division basement with Thursday's loss in Wesson.

Gilberto Venzen scored 18 points to lead EC. Herbert Montgomery had 16, Toronto Parker 15, Desmond Reed six, Danielle Johnson five, and Ken Russell four.

EC fell to 10-15 overall and 2-10 in the South Division. The Warriors placed last in the seven-team league.

Co-Lin improved to 13-11 and 4-8 to finish sixth in the regular season standings.



EC's Nicole Barrett shoots during a recent game in Decatur.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT X
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Feb 18, 1998

ECCC Hoopsters Prepare For Division Tourney Action

Regular season action came to a disappointing end for East Central community College basketball teams who lost decisions Thursday night to homesteading Copiah-Lincoln. The Lady Warriors (17-7, 8-4) and Warriors (10-15, 2-10) are now preparing for South State tournament action scheduled at Pearl River community College February 16-19.

In the Lady Warriors' 67-61 loss to the Co-Lin women, pointmakers were Wendy Mapp of Newton County High School, 14; Nicole Barrett of Morton, 12; Denise Chapman of Newton and Charissa Williams of Terrebonne, LA, 10 each; Sharae Brown of Scott Central, six; Jamie Floyd of Smackover, AR, four; Sonya Pinkston of Forest, three; and Tina Edwards of Vigor, AL, tow.

Co-Lin led 32-28 at halftime.

Gilberto Venzen of Eastman, GA scored 18 points to lead the Warriors in their 86-71 loss. Other scorers were Herbert Montgomery of Lafayette, LA, 16; Toronto Parker of Forest, 15; Desmond Reed of Carthage, six; Danielle Johnson of Helena, GA, five; Ken Russell of Newton County, four; Brian Hillie of Lawrence, three; Ray Waddell of Philadelphia and Bobby Carter of Noxapater, two each.

Co-Lin led 27-26 at halftime.

In games played February 9 in Decatur, the Lady Warriors clipped Jones 79-78 on Barrett's short jumper with 13 seconds remaining. Mapp led in scoring with 32 points, including five three-pointers. Barrett also had five three-pointers and 21 total points. Also scoring were Pinkston, seven; Floyd, six; Chapman, five; Brown, four; Carter, three; and Williams, one.

The Lady Bobcats led 44-40 at halftime.

In the men's game, the Warriors fell 69-65 to the visiting bobcats. ECCC pointmakers were Montgomery, 20; Venzen, 17; Johnson and Russell, eight each; Hillie and Reed, four each; Parker, three; and Waddell, one.

ECCC led 40-34 at halftime.

JuCo BASKETBALL DIVISION TOURNAMENTS

South Division
at Pearl River
Men
Monday, Feb. 16
6 p.m.: ECCC vs. Gulf Coast
Tuesday, Feb. 17
4 p.m.: Southwest vs. Co-Lin
8 p.m.: Hinds vs. Jones Co.
Wednesday, Feb. 18
4 p.m.: Southwest-Co-Lin winner vs. Gulf Coast-ECCC winner
8 p.m.: Pearl River vs. Hinds-Jones winner
Thursday, Feb. 19
8 p.m.: Championship
Women
Monday, Feb. 16
4 p.m.: Jones Co. vs. Hinds
8 p.m.: Pearl River vs. Gulf Coast
Tuesday, Feb. 17
6 p.m.: ECCC vs. Southwest
Wednesday, Feb. 18
2 p.m.: Co-Lin vs. ECCC-Southwest winner
6 p.m.: Pearl River-Gulf Coast winner vs. Jones Co.-Hinds winner
Thursday, Feb. 19
6 p.m.: Championship

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD X
MERIDIAN STAR_____

Week of Feb. 25, 1998

ECCC women qualify for

By MARTY STAMPER
Democrat sports editor

Both the Warriors and Lady Warriors of East Central Community College got first-round wins in the South Division Tournament at Pearl River Community College last week before being eliminated in semifinal action.

The Warriors finished their season with an 11-16 mark, while the Lady Warriors will take an 18-8 record into the Region 23 Tournament at Mississippi College, March 2-5, in Clinton.

Also competing in the women's regional, and their records entering this week, are Co-Lin (21-5), Pearl River (17-9), Northeast (20-2), Northwest (18-7), Jones (20-5), Itawamba (19-7), and Meridian (18-5).

• **EC men 74, Gulf Coast 70:** The Warriors opened the division tournament with a four-point shocker over second-seeded Gulf Coast on Feb. 16.

Gilbert Venzen led the Warriors with 23 points. Herbert Montgomery scored 19, Brian Hillie had 10, Danielle Johnson and Ray Waddell both had six, and Ken Russell added five.

The Warriors led 36-34 at halftime and held on for the win after two previous losses to the Bulldogs.

EC improved to 11-15, while Gulf Coast fell to 19-7.

• **EC women 67, Southwest 63:** The Lady Warriors completed a three-game season's sweep of Southwest with the Feb. 17 win.

The Lady Warriors trailed 32-31 at halftime.

Denise Chapman led EC with 21 points. Sharae Brown and Jamie Floyd scored 15 apiece. Wendy Mapp had six, while Nicole Barrett and Charissa Williams both had four.

EC improved to 15-7, while Southwest finished 9-16.

• **Southwest men 82, EC 77:** The Warriors had their season end with Wednesday's loss to the Bears.

EC led 32-31 at halftime.

Gilberto Venzen led EC with 26 points. Brian Hillie added 13, Danielle Johnson scored 10, Herbert Montgomery had eight, Ken Russell and Tim Overstreet both had six, and Ray Waddell

WEEK OF Feb 25, 1998

regional

and Bobby Carter both added four.

EC finished at 11-16, while Southwest advanced to the finals with a 21-6 mark.

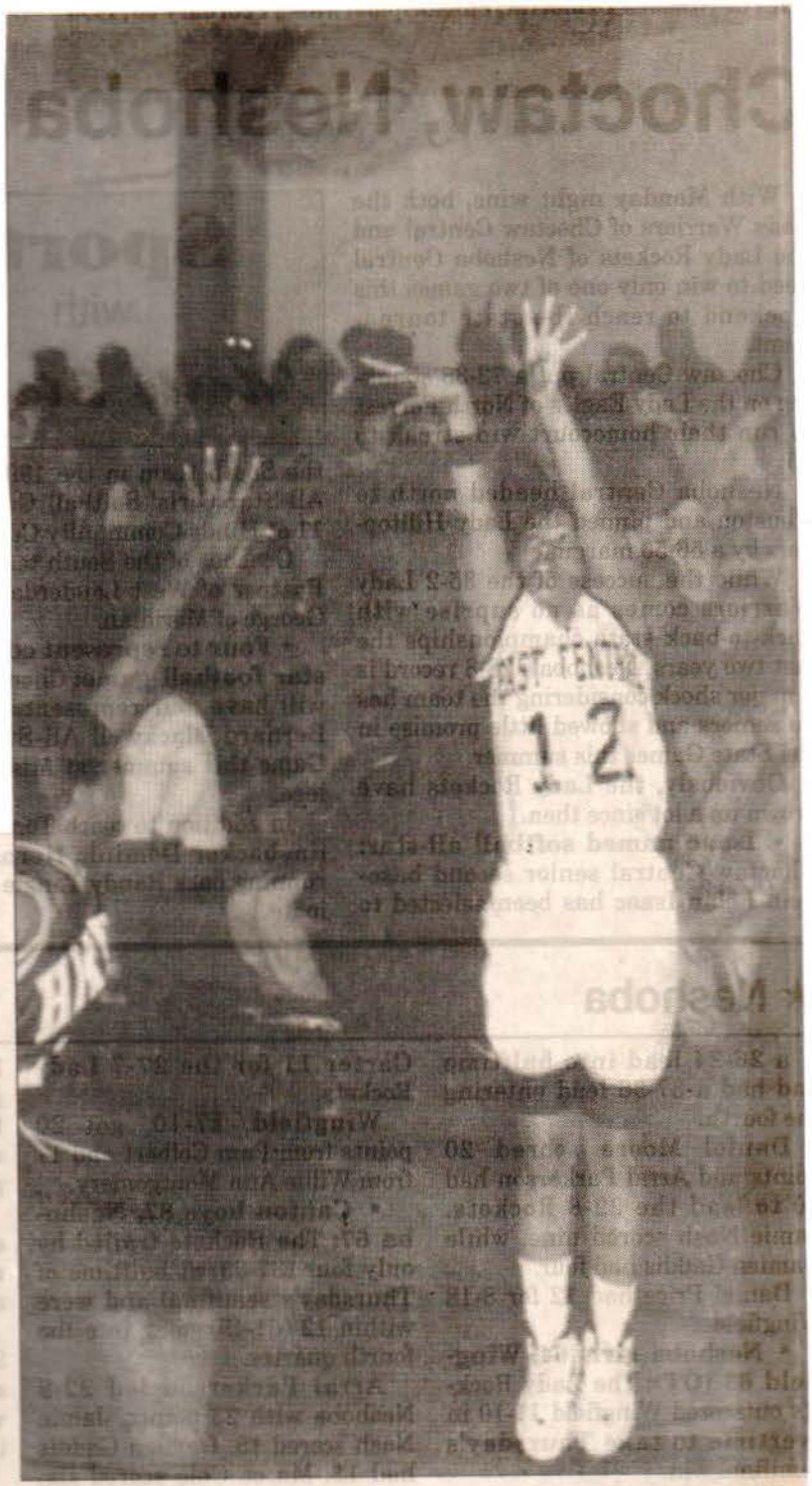
The Bears had won both regular-season meetings with EC.

• **Co-Lin women 87, EC 65:** The Lady Wolves recorded their third win over EC in as many meetings in Wednesday's semifinal.

The Lady Warriors trailed by only four (35-31) at halftime but were outscored 52-34 over the final 20 minutes.

Wendy Mapp led EC with 18 points. Nicole Barrett and Jamie Floyd both tallied 14, and Denise Chapman had nine.

EC dropped to 18-8, while eventual tournament champion Co-Lin improved to 20-5.



ECCC's Wendy Mapp (12) cuts loose from long range. After taking this week off, the Lady Warriors will be playing in the Region 23 Tournament at Mississippi College next week. The winner advances to the NJCAA national tournament.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT X
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Feb 25, 1998

ECCC ends basketball season

Regular season action came to a disappointing end for East Central Community College basketball teams who lost decisions Thursday night to homestanding Copiah-Lincoln. The Lady Warriors (17-7, 8-4) and Warriors (10-15, 2-10) are now preparing for South State Tournament action scheduled at Pearl River Community College February 16-19.

In the Lady Warriors' 67-61 loss to the Co-Lin women, pointmakers were Wendy Mapp of Newton County High School, 14; Nicole Barrett of Morton, 12; Denise Chapman of Newton and Charissa Williams of Terrebonne, Louisiana, 10 each; Sharae Brown of Scott Central, six; Jamie Floyd of Smackover, Arkansas, four; Sonya Pinkston of Forest, three; and Tina Edwards of Vigor, Alabama, two.

Co-Lin led 32-28 at halftime.

Gilberto Venzen of Eastman, Georgia, scored 18 points to lead the Warriors in their 86-71 loss. Other scorers were Herbert Montgomery of Lafayette, Louisiana, 16; Toronto Parker of Forest, 15; Desmond Reed of Carthage, six; Danielle Johnson, of Helena, Georgia, five; Ken Russell of Newton County, four; Brian Hillie of Lawrence, three; Ray Waddell of Philadelphia and Bobby Carter of Noxapater, two each.

Co-Lin led 27-26 at halftime.

In games played February 9 in Decatur, the Lady Warriors clipped Jones 79-78 on Barrett's short jumper with 13 seconds remaining. Mapp led in scoring with 32 points, including five three-pointers. Barrett also had five three-pointers and 21 total points. Also scoring were Pinkston, seven; Floyd, six; Chapman, five; Brown, four; Carter, three; and Williams, one.

The Lady Bobcats led 44-40 at halftime.

In the men's game, the Warriors fell 69-65 to the visiting Bobcats. ECCC pointmakers were Montgomery, 20; Venzen, 17; Johnson and Russell, eight each; Hillie and Reed, four each; Parker, three; and Waddell, one.

East Central led 40-34 at halftime.

Coach Marty Cooper's Warriors began tournament competition by taking on Gulf Coast(19-6, 8-4) on Monday. East Central took the win in a close contest 74-70. Leading scorers for EC were: Venzen, 23; Montgomery, 20; Hillie, 10; Johnson, six; Russell, five; Waddell and Overstreet, three each; and Parker , two.

The Warriors will meet the Southwest(19-6, 8-4) Co-Lin(13-11, 4-8) victor at 4 p.m. Wednesday. Finals are set for 8 p.m. Thursday.

The Lady Warriors, led by coach Sammy Pace , challenged Southwest (9-15, 4-8) on Tuesday. The winner will battle Co-Lin (19-5. 9-3) at 2 p.m. Wednesday. Finals are scheduled at 6 p.m. Thursday.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES X

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Feb 25, 1998

EC loses in div. semi-finals

The East Central Men's and Women's basketball seasons came to a close in the semi-finals of the South Division Basketball Tournament.

The Warriors started the tournament on the right foot when they upset the second seeded Gulf Coast squad, 74-70. Gulf Coast was 19-6 entering the contest, while ECCC was 10-15.

Gilbert Venzen led the way with 23 points, while Herbert Montgomery added 19, and Brian Hillie finished with 10. Tim Overstreet of Carthage chipped in three points.

In the semis, Southwest was too much, as they beat the Warriors 82-77.

Venzen had 26 points, Hillie added 13, and Danielle Johnson finished with 10. Overstreet added six points in this game.

The Warriors led 32-31 at the break.

In the women's bracket, the Lady Warriors rallied to beat Southwest 67-63.

Denise Chapman led the way for ECCC with 21 points, Sharae Brown and Jamie Floyd each scored 15.

Southwest led 32-31 at the break.

In the semis, top-seeded Co-Lin dismantled the Lady Warriors 87-65.

Wendy Mapp led East Central with 18, Nicole Barrett and Floyd each had 14 points.

Co-Lin led 35-31 at halftime.

The Warriors finished the season with an 11-16 record, while the Lady Warriors take a weeks break before participating in the Region 23 Tournament Mar. 2-5 at Mississippi College. The Lady Warriors are presently 18-8.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN X

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF March 4, 1998

EC to host MACJC All-Star Classic on the Reservation

The state's top community and junior college basketball players will showcase their talents on April 2 when the annual MACJC All-Star Classic is held at Choctaw Central High School near Philadelphia. This year's event is being held for the first time on the Choctaw Reservation and is being hosted by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians and East Central Community College in Decatur.

The two-day event also includes a coaches' clinic featuring Van Chancellor, head coach of the defending WNBA champion Houston Comets, and Wimp Sanderson, head men's basketball coach at Arkansas-Little Rock.

Selected to coach the North All-Stars are Todd Kimble (men) and Larry Therrell (women), both of Holmes Community College. Directing the South All-Stars are Bob Weathers (men) of Gulf Coast and Lester Owens (women) of Hinds.

Chosen on the North men's squad are John Outlaw and Willie Whitfield, both of East Miss.; Marcus Hicks And Lataryl Williams, both of Northwest; Julian Anderson, Itawamba; Anthony Schiro, Miss. Delta; Eric Jackson and Mario Edwards, both of Holmes; Tim Cole and Antonie Wilkerson, both of Northeast; and Marcus Metcalf, Coahoma.

North women All-Stars are Nicole Dancy and Tammy Townsel, both of East Miss.; Vanessa Coffey and Evette Milam, both of Northwest; Nancy Hooks, Itawamba; Anita Johnson, Miss Delta; Emily Parks, Holmes; Tiffany Sitton, Sophia Friar and Natalie Smith, all of Northeast; and Michelle Shaw, Coahoma.

Named to South men's squad are Jamil Gilleylen, Hinds; Nick Cherry, Jones; Jimmy Walton, Co-Lin; Adriane Floyd and Mike Fairley, both of Gulf coast, Todd Daniels, Pearl River; Gilberto Venzen, East Central; and Wylie Kirby, Jeremy Robinson and Marcus Mackey, all of Pearl River.

South women All-Stars are Amy Sutton and Tameka Mack, both of Hinds; Sonya McLaurin and Brandy Rogers, both of Jones; Chassity Cubie and Clarissa Tomlinson, both of Co-Lin; Keisha Nelson, Gulf Coast; Tammy Brister, Southwest; Datishella Byrd, Pearl River; and Nicole Barrett and Jamie Floyd, both of East Central.

Game times are 6 p.m. for women's action followed by the men's contest at 8 p.m.

For more information contact Sammy Pace, ECCC athletic director and women's basketball coach, PO Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext 246.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER ✓
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF March 11, 1998

Northwest ends year for Lady Warriors, 80-70

Following their shocking 88-86 win over state champion Northeast in the first round of the Region 23 Basketball Tournament, the Lady Warriors of East Central Community College were themselves eliminated in their next action.

Eventual tournament champion Northwest ousted the Lady Warriors 80-70 Wednesday afternoon in the A.E. Wood Coliseum on the campus of Mississippi College in Clinton.

Northwest led 38-33 at halftime. After EC drew even at 57-57 with just over seven minutes remaining, Northwest closed the contest with a 23-13 run to advance to the championship game where the Lady Rangers disposed of Copiah-Lincoln 74-55.

EC, 19-9, got 21 points from Nicole Barrett, 19 from Wendy Mapp, eight from Charissa Williams, seven from Denise Chapman, five each from Sonya Pinkston and Ellake Murray, and four from Jamie Floyd.

Northwest, 20-8, got 17 points from Pasha Herrod, 14 from Tina Jones, and 12 from Vanessa Coffey.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL X
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF March 18 1998

Cooper Resigns as ECCC Men's Basketball Coach

DECATUR--Marty Cooper has resigned as men's basketball coach at ECCC in Decatur to take a similar positions at Itawamba Community College in Fulton, announced ECCC president DR. Eddie Smith. Coach Cooper's resignation was approved by the College's Board of Trustees at its March meeting held today on campus.

Cooper led the Warrior basketball program for seven seasons, compiling an overall record of 116 wins and 81 losses. His 1992-93 squad won the state championship en route to a mark of 24 wins and eight losses. Cooper's 1993-94 team captured the South Division Tournament Title and finished with a 23-5 mark. HE earlier led the 1991-92 Warriors to the South Division Tournament crown and a 28-5 record. Following the 1991-92 season, Cooper received MACJC "Coach of the Year" honors. This past season the Warriors posted a record of 11 wins and 16 losses.

In addition to serving as men's basketball coach, Cooper directs the men's and women's tennis teams and previously provided assistance in the Student Services area. Prior to taking over the Warrior basketball program in 1991, Cooper served as assistant men's basketball coach at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and at Armstrong State College in Savannah, Georgia.

A graduate of Jackson (Ohio) High School, Cooper received a bachelor's degree in communications from Rio Grande (Ohio) College and a master's degree in sports administration from Miami (Ohio) University.

He is married to the former Jennifer Higgins of Cincinnati, Ohio, who served as assistant men's basketball coach.

Cooper's resignation is effective June 30, 1998.

The College has begun search for a new men's basketball coach. Inquiries should be sent to Coach Sammy Pace, Athletic Director, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS. 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 246.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER X
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF March 11, 1998

Northwest ends year for Lady Warriors, 80-70

Following their shocking 88-86 win over state champion Northeast in the first round of the Region 23 Basketball Tournament, the Lady Warriors of East Central Community College were themselves eliminated in their next action.

Eventual tournament champion Northwest ousted the Lady Warriors 80-70 Wednesday afternoon in the A.E. Wood Coliseum on the campus of Mississippi College in Clinton.

Northwest led 38-33 at halftime. After EC drew even at 57-57 with just over seven minutes remaining, Northwest closed the contest with a 23-13 run to advance to the championship game where the Lady Rangers disposed of Copiah-Lincoln 74-55.

EC, 19-9, got 21 points from Nicole Barnett, 19 from Wendy Mapp, eight from Charissa Williams, seven from Denise Chapman, five each from Sonya Pinkston and Ellake Murray, and four from Jamie Floyd.

Northwest, 20-8, got 17 points from Pasha Herrod, 14 from Tina Jones, and 12 from Vanessa Coffey.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL X
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF March 4, 1998

EC to host MACJC All-Star Classic on the Reservation

The state's top community and junior college basketball players will showcase their talents on April 2 when the annual MACJC All-Star Classic is held at Choctaw Central High School near Philadelphia. This year's event is being held for the first time on the Choctaw Reservation and is being hosted by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians and East Central Community College in Decatur.

The two-day event also includes a coaches' clinic featuring Van Chancellor, head coach of the defending WNBA champion Houston Comets, and Wimp Sanderson, head men's basketball coach at Arkansas-Little Rock.

Selected to coach the North All-Stars are Todd Kimble (men) and Larry Therrell (women), both of Holmes Community College. Directing the South All-Stars are Bob Weathers (men) of Gulf Coast and Lester Owens (women) of Hinds.

Chosen on the North men's squad are John Outlaw and Willie Whitfield, both of East Miss.; Marcus Hicks And Lataryl Williams, both of Northwest; Julian Anderson, Itawamba; Anthony Schiro, Miss. Delta; Eric Jackson and Mario Edwards, both of Holmes; Tim Cole and Antonie Wilkerson, both of Northeast; and Marcus Metcalf, Coahoma.

North women All-Stars are Nicole Dancy and Tammy Townsel, both of East Miss.; Vanessa Coffey and Evette Milam, both of Northwest; Nancy Hooks, Itawamba; Anita Johnson, Miss Delta; Emily Parks, Holmes; Tiffany Sitton, Sophia Friar and Natalie Smith, all of Northeast; and Michelle Shaw, Coahoma.

Named to South men's squad are Jamil Gilleylen, Hinds; Nick Cherry, Jones; Jimmy Walton, Co-Lin; Adriane Floyd and Mike Fairley, both of Gulf coast, Todd Daniels, Pearl River; Gilberto Venzen, East Central; and Wylie Kirby, Jeremy Robinson and Marcus Mackey, all of Pearl River.

South women All-Stars are Amy Sutton and Tameka Mack, both of Hinds; Sonya McLaurin and Brandy Rogers, both of Jones; Chassity Cubie and Clarissa Tomlinson, both of Co-Lin; Keisha Nelson, Gulf Coast; Tammy Brister, Southwest; Datishella Byrd, Pearl River; and Nicole Barrett and Jamie Floyd, both of East Central.

Game times are 6 p.m. for women's action followed by the men's contest at 8 p.m.

For more information contact Sammy Pace, ECCC athletic director and women's basketball coach, PO Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext 246.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER ✓
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF Feb 25, 1998

EC loses in div. semi-finals

The East Central Men's and Women's basketball seasons came to a close in the semi-finals of the South Division Basketball Tournament.

The Warriors started the tournament on the right foot when they upset the second seeded Gulf Coast squad, 74-70. Gulf Coast was 19-6 entering the contest, while ECCC was 10-15.

Gilbert Venzen led the way with 23 points, while Herbert Montgomery added 19, and Brian Hillie finished with 10. Tim Overstreet of Carthage chipped in three points.

In the semis, Southwest was too much, as they beat the Warriors 82-77.

Venzen had 26 points, Hillie added 13, and Danielle Johnson finished with 10. Overstreet added six points in this game.

The Warriors led 32-31 at the break.

In the women's bracket, the Lady Warriors rallied to beat Southwest 67-63.

Denise Chapman led the way for ECCC with 21 points, Sharae Brown and Jamie Floyd each scored 15.

Southwest led 32-31 at the break.

In the semis, top-seeded Co-Lin dismantled the Lady Warriors 87-65.

Wendy Mapp led East Central with 18, Nicole Barrett and Floyd each had 14 points.

Co-Lin led 35-31 at halftime.

The Warriors finished the season with an 11-16 record, while the Lady Warriors take a weeks break before participating in the Region 23 Tournament Mar. 2-5 at Mississippi College. The Lady Warriors are presently 18-8.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN X

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Feb 25, 1998

ECCC ends basketball season

Regular season action came to a disappointing end for East Central Community College basketball teams who lost decisions Thursday night to homestanding Copiah-Lincoln. The Lady Warriors (17-7, 8-4) and Warriors (10-15, 2-10) are now preparing for South State Tournament action scheduled at Pearl River Community College February 16-19.

In the Lady Warriors' 67-61 loss to the Co-Lin women, pointmakers were Wendy Mapp of Newton County High School, 14; Nicole Barrett of Morton, 12; Denise Chapman of Newton and Charissa Williams of Terrebonne, Louisiana, 10 each; Sharae Brown of Scott Central, six; Jamie Floyd of Smackover, Arkansas, four; Sonya Pinkston of Forest, three; and Tina Edwards of Vigor, Alabama, two.

Co-Lin led 32-28 at halftime.

Gilberto Venzen of Eastman, Georgia, scored 18 points to lead the Warriors in their 86-71 loss. Other scorers were Herbert Montgomery of Lafayette, Louisiana, 16; Toronto Parker of Forest, 15; Desmond Reed of Carthage, six; Danielle Johnson, of Helena, Georgia, five; Ken Russell of Newton County, four; Brian Hillie of Lawrence, three; Ray Waddell of Philadelphia and Bobby Carter of Noxapater, two each.

Co-Lin led 27-26 at halftime.

In games played February 9 in Decatur, the Lady Warriors clipped Jones 79-78 on Barrett's short jumper with 13 seconds remaining. Mapp led in scoring with 32 points, including five three-pointers. Barrett also had five three-pointers and 21 total points. Also scoring were Pinkston, seven; Floyd, six; Chapman, five; Brown, four; Carter, three; and Williams, one.

The Lady Bobcats led 44-40 at halftime.

In the men's game, the Warriors fell 69-65 to the visiting Bobcats. ECCC pointmakers were Montgomery, 20; Venzen, 17; Johnson and Russell, eight each; Hillie and Reed, four each; Parker, three; and Waddell, one.

East Central led 40-34 at halftime.

Coach Marty Cooper's Warriors began tournament competition by taking on Gulf Coast(19-6, 8-4) on Monday. East Central took the win in a close contest 74-70. Leading scorers for EC were: Venzen, 23; Montgomery, 20; Hillie, 10; Johnson, six; Russell, five; Waddell and Overstreet, three each; and Parker , two.

The Warriors will meet the Southwest(19-6, 8-4) Co-Lin(13-11, 4-8) victor at 4 p.m. Wednesday. Finals are set for 8 p.m. Thursday.

The Lady Warriors, led by coach Sammy Pace , challenged Southwest (9-15, 4-8) on Tuesday. The winner will battle Co-Lin (19-5. 9-3) at 2 p.m. Wednesday. Finals are scheduled at 6 p.m. Thursday.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES X
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Feb 25, 1998

regional

and Bobby Carter both added four.

EC finished at 11-16, while Southwest advanced to the finals with a 21-6 mark.

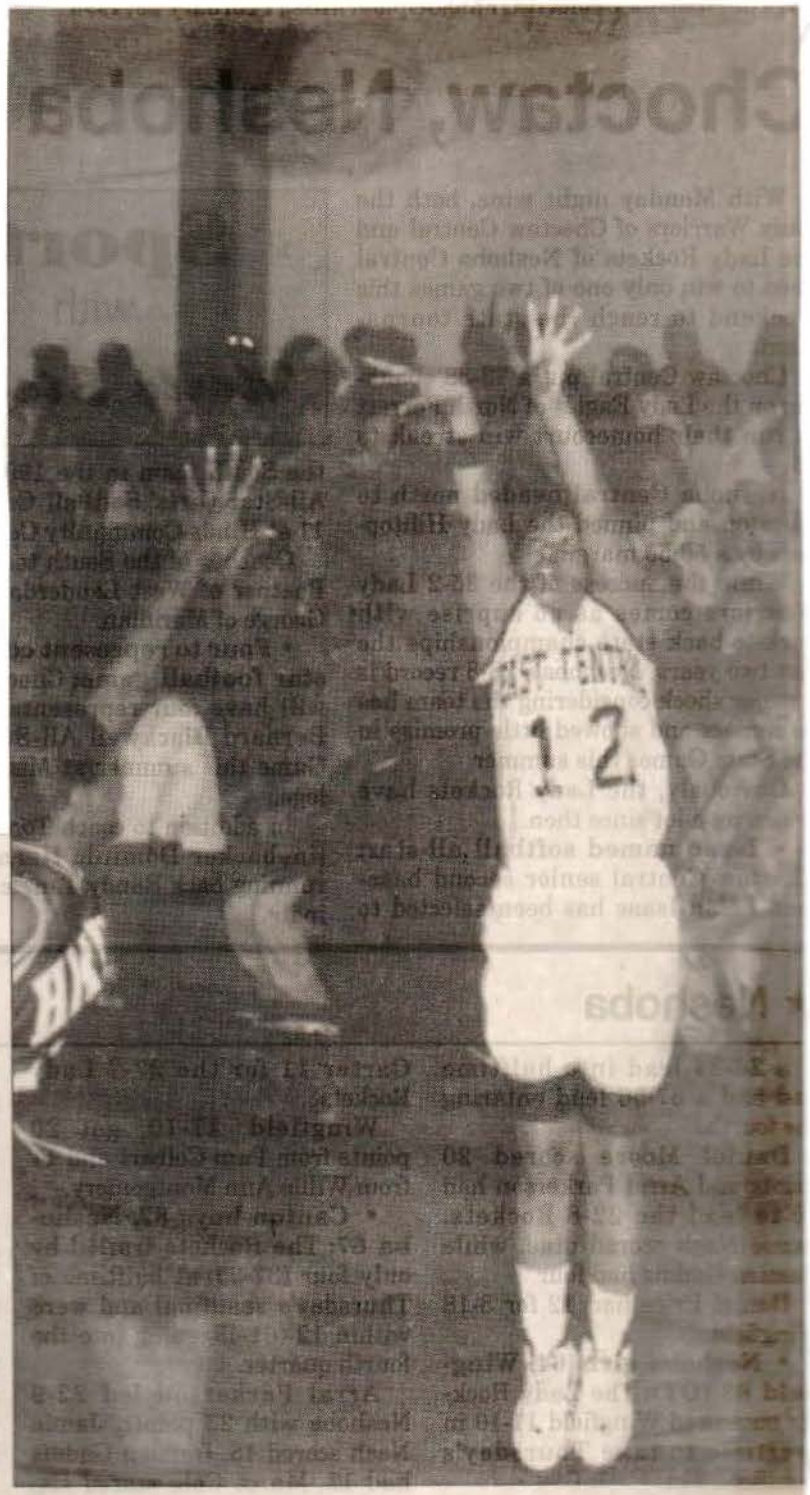
The Bears had won both regular-season meetings with EC.

• **Co-Lin women 87, EC 65:** The Lady Wolves recorded their third win over EC in as many meetings in Wednesday's semifinal.

The Lady Warriors trailed by only four (35-31) at halftime but were outscored 52-34 over the final 20 minutes.

Wendy Mapp led EC with 18 points. Nicole Barrett and Jamie Floyd both tallied 14, and Denise Chapman had nine.

EC dropped to 18-8, while eventual tournament champion Co-Lin improved to 20-5.



ECCC's Wendy Mapp (12) cuts loose from long range. After taking this week off, the Lady Warriors will be playing in the Region 23 Tournament at Mississippi College next week. The winner advances to the NJCAA national tournament.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT__X__
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

Week of Feb. 25, 1993

ECCC women qualify for

By MARTY STAMPER
Democrat sports editor

Both the Warriors and Lady Warriors of East Central Community College got first-round wins in the South Division Tournament at Pearl River Community College last week before being eliminated in semifinal action.

The Warriors finished their season with an 11-16 mark, while the Lady Warriors will take an 18-8 record into the Region 23 Tournament at Mississippi College, March 2-5, in Clinton.

Also competing in the women's regional, and their records entering this week, are Co-Lin (21-5), Pearl River (17-9), Northeast (20-2), Northwest (18-7), Jones (20-5), Itawamba (19-7), and Meridian (18-5).

• **EC men 74, Gulf Coast 70:** The Warriors opened the division tournament with a four-point shocker over second-seeded Gulf Coast on Feb. 16.

Gilbert Venzen led the Warriors with 23 points. Herbert Montgomery scored 19, Brian Hillie had 10, Danielle Johnson and Ray Waddell both had six, and Ken Russell added five.

The Warriors led 36-34 at halftime and held on for the win after two previous losses to the Bulldogs.

EC improved to 11-15, while Gulf Coast fell to 19-7.

• **EC women 67, Southwest 63:** The Lady Warriors completed a three-game season's sweep of Southwest with the Feb. 17 win.

The Lady Warriors trailed 32-31 at halftime.

Denise Chapman led EC with 21 points. Sharae Brown and Jamie Floyd scored 15 apiece, Wendy Mapp had six, while Nicole Barrett and Charissa Williams both had four.

EC improved to 18-7, while Southwest finished 9-16.

• **Southwest men 82, EC 77:** The Warriors had their season end with Wednesday's loss to the Bears.

EC led 32-31 at halftime.

Gilberto Venzen led EC with 26 points. Brian Hillie added 13, Danielle Johnson scored 10, Herbert Montgomery had eight, Ken Russell and Tim Overstreet both had six, and Ray Waddell

WEEK OF Feb 18, 1998

ECCC Hoopsters Prepare For Division Tourney Action

Regular season action came to a disappointing end for East Central community College basketball teams who lost decisions Thursday night to homesteading Copiah-Lincoln. The Lady Warriors (17-7, 8-4) and Warriors (10-15, 2-10) are now preparing for South State tournament action scheduled at Pearl River community College February 16-19.

In the Lady Warriors' 67-61 loss to the Co-Lin women, pointmakers were Wendy Mapp of Newton County High School, 14; Nicole Barrett of Morton, 12; Denise Chapman of Newton and Charissa Williams of Terrebonne, LA, 10 each; Sharae Brown of Scott Central, six; Jamie Floyd of Smackover, AR, four; Sonya Pinkston of Forest, three; and Tina Edwards of Vigor, AL, tow.

Co-Lin led 32-28 at halftime.

Gilberto Venzen of Eastman, GA scored 18 points to lead the Warriors in their 86-71 loss. Other scorers were Herbert Montgomery of Lafayette, LA, 16; Toronto Parker of Forest, 15; Desmond Reed of Carthage, six; Danielle Johnson of Helena, GA, five; Ken Russell of Newton County, four; Brian Hillie of Lawrence, three; Ray Waddell of Philadelphia and Bobby Carter of Noxapater, two each.

Co-Lin led 27-26 at halftime.

In games played February 9 in Decatur, the Lady Warriors clipped Jones 79-78 on Barrett's short jumper with 13 seconds remaining. Mapp led in scoring with 32 points, including five three-pointers. Barrett also had five three-pointers and 21 total points. Also scoring were Pinkston, seven; Floyd, six; Chapman, five; Brown, four; Carter, three; and Williams, one.

The Lady Bobcats led 44-40 at halftime.

In the men's game, the Warriors fell 69-65 to the visiting bobcats. ECCC pointmakers were Montgomery, 20; Venzen, 17; Johnson and Russell, eight each; Hillie and Reed, four each; Parker, three; and Waddell, one.

ECCC led 40-34 at halftime.

JUCO BASKETBALL DIVISION TOURNAMENTS

South Division
at Pearl River
Men
Monday, Feb. 16
6 p.m.: ECCC vs. Gulf Coast
Tuesday, Feb. 17
4 p.m.: Southwest vs. Co-Lin
8 p.m.: Hinds vs. Jones Co.
Wednesday, Feb. 18
4 p.m.: Southwest-Co-Lin winner vs. Gulf Coast-ECCC winner
8 p.m.: Pearl River vs. Hinds-Jones winner
Thursday, Feb. 19
8 p.m.: Championship
Women
Monday, Feb. 16
4 p.m.: Jones Co. vs. Hinds
8 p.m.: Pearl River vs. Gulf Coast
Tuesday, Feb. 17
6 p.m.: ECCC vs. Southwest
Wednesday, Feb. 18
2 p.m.: Co-Lin vs. ECCC-Southwest winner
6 p.m.: Pearl River-Gulf Coast winner vs. Jones Co.-Hinds winner
Thursday, Feb. 19
6 p.m.: Championship

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD___X___
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Feb 25, 1998

EC loses in div. semi-finals

The East Central Men's and Women's basketball seasons came to a close in the semi-finals of the South Division Basketball Tournament.

The Warriors started the tournament on the right foot when they upset the second seeded Gulf Coast squad, 74-70. Gulf Coast was 19-6 entering the contest, while ECCC was 10-15.

Gilbert Venzen led the way with 23 points, while Herbert Montgomery added 19, and Brian Hillie finished with 10. Tim Overstreet of Carthage chipped in three points.

In the semis, Southwest was too much, as they beat the Warriors 82-77.

Venzen had 26 points, Hillie added 13, and Danielle Johnson finished with 10. Overstreet added six points in this game.

The Warriors led 32-31 at the break.

In the women's bracket, the Lady Warriors rallied to beat Southwest 67-63.

Denise Chapman led the way for ECCC with 21 points, Sharae Brown and Jamie Floyd each scored 15.

Southwest led 32-31 at the break.

In the semis, top-seeded Co-Lin dismantled the Lady Warriors 87-65.

Wendy Mapp led East Central with 18, Nicole Barrett and Floyd each had 14 points.

Co-Lin led 35-31 at halftime.

The Warriors finished the season with an 11-16 record, while the Lady Warriors take a weeks break before participating in the Region 23 Tournament Mar. 2-5 at Mississippi College. The Lady Warriors are presently 18-8.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN X

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF March 4, 1998

EC to host MACJC All-Star Classic on the Reservation

The state's top community and junior college basketball players will showcase their talents on April 2 when the annual MACJC All-Star Classic is held at Choctaw Central High School near Philadelphia. This year's event is being held for the first time on the Choctaw Reservation and is being hosted by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians and East Central Community College in Decatur.

The two-day event also includes a coaches' clinic featuring Van Chancellor, head coach of the defending WNBA champion Houston Comets, and Wimp Sanderson, head men's basketball coach at Arkansas-Little Rock.

Selected to coach the North All-Stars are Todd Kimble (men) and Larry Therrell (women), both of Holmes Community College. Directing the South All-Stars are Bob Weathers (men) of Gulf Coast and Lester Owens (women) of Hinds.

Chosen on the North men's squad are John Outlaw and Willie Whitfield, both of East Miss.; Marcus Hicks And Lataryl Williams, both of Northwest; Julian Anderson, Itawamba; Anthony Schiro, Miss. Delta; Eric Jackson and Mario Edwards, both of Holmes; Tim Cole and Antonie Wilkerson, both of Northeast; and Marcus Metcalf, Coahoma.

North women All-Stars are Nicole Dancy and Tammy Townsel, both of East Miss.; Vanessa Coffey and Evette Milam, both of Northwest; Nancy Hooks, Itawamba; Anita Johnson, Miss Delta; Emily Parks, Holmes; Tiffany Sitton, Sophia Friar and Natalie Smith, all of Northeast; and Michelle Shaw, Coahoma.

Named to South men's squad are Jamil Gilleylen, Hinds; Nick Cherry, Jones; Jimmy Walton, Co-Lin; Adriane Floyd and Mike Fairley, both of Gulf coast, Todd Daniels, Pearl River; Gilberto Venzen, East Central; and Wylie Kirby, Jeremy Robinson and Marcus Mackey, all of Pearl River.

South women All-Stars are Amy Sutton and Tameka Mack, both of Hinds; Sonya McLaurin and Brandy Rogers, both of Jones; Chassity Cubie and Clarissa Tomlinson, both of Co-Lin; Keisha Nelson, Gulf Coast; Tammy Brister, Southwest; Datishella Byrd, Pearl River; and Nicole Barrett and Jamie Floyd, both of East Central.

Game times are 6 p.m. for women's action followed by the men's contest at 8 p.m.

For more information contact Sammy Pace, ECCC athletic director and women's basketball coach, PO Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext 246.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER ____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES X
UNION APPEAL ____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL ____
CLARION-LEDGER ____

CARTHAGINIAN ____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ____
NEWTON RECORD ____
MERIDIAN STAR ____

WEEK OF March 11, 1998

Northwest ends year for Lady Warriors, 80-70

Following their shocking 88-86 win over state champion Northeast in the first round of the Region 23 Basketball Tournament, the Lady Warriors of East Central Community College were themselves eliminated in their next action.

Eventual tournament champion Northwest ousted the Lady Warriors 80-70 Wednesday afternoon in the A. E. Wood Coliseum on the campus of Mississippi College in Clinton.

Northwest led 38-33 at halftime. After EC drew even at 57-57 with just over seven minutes remaining, Northwest closed the contest with a 23-13 run to advance to the championship game where the Lady Rangers disposed of Copiah-Lincoln 74-55.

EC, 19-9, got 21 points from Nicole Barnett, 19 from Wendy Mapp, eight from Charissa Williams, seven from Denise Chapman, five each from Sonya Pinkston and Ellake Murray, and four from Jamie Floyd.

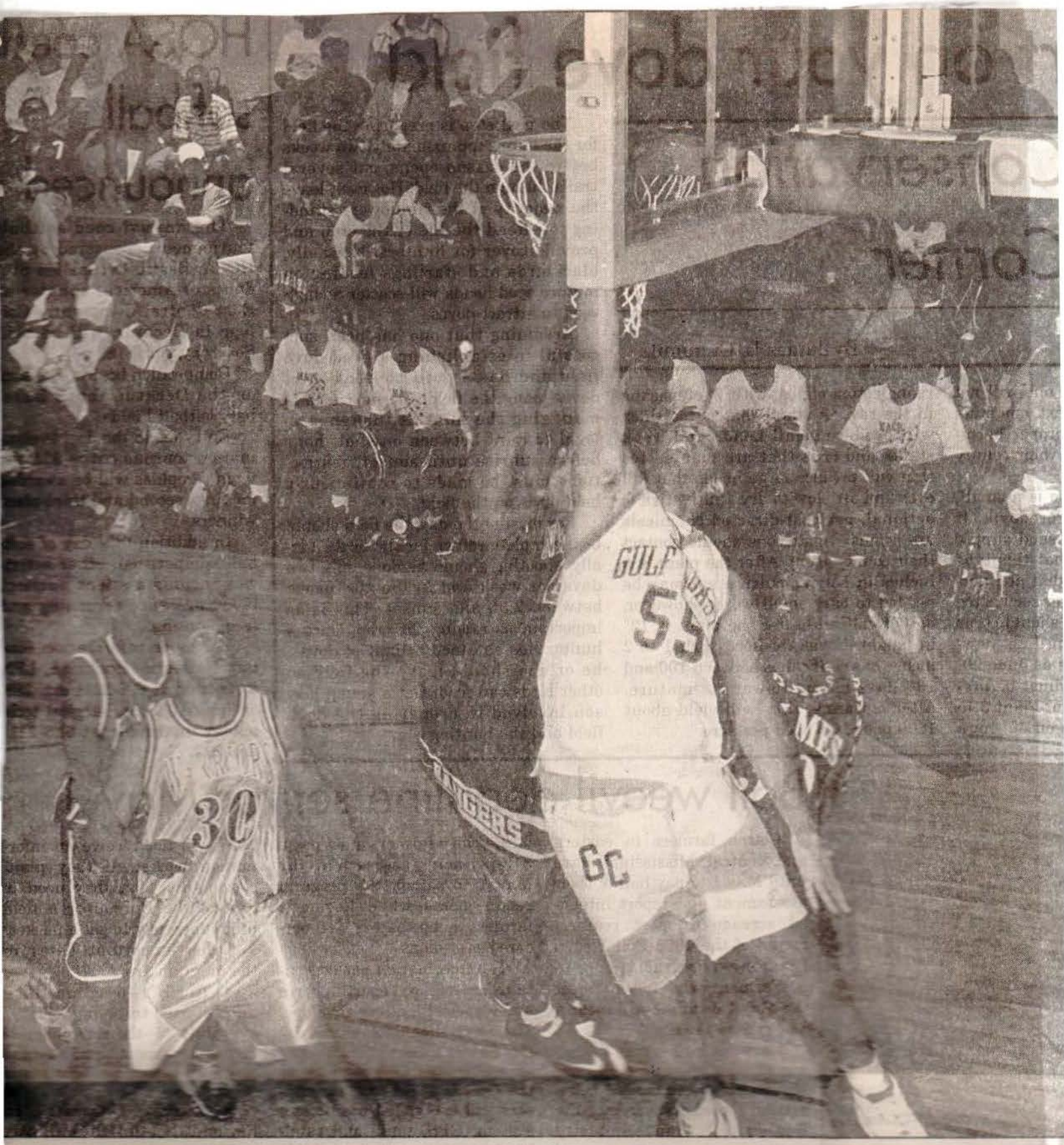
Northwest, 20-8, got 17 points from Pasha Herrod, 14 from Tina Jones, and 12 from Vanessa Coffey.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL X
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

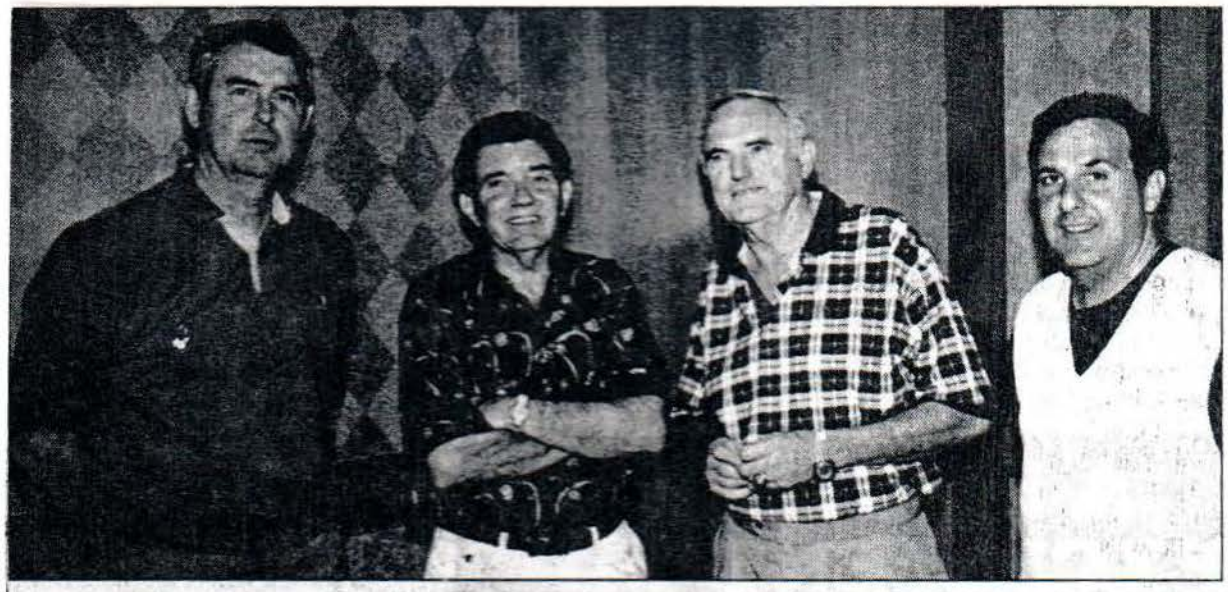
WEEK OF 4-8-05



Range rover

Gilberto Venzen (30) of East Central Community College looks on as Marcus Hicks of the Northwest Rangers blocks a shot attempt by Adriane Floyd of Gulf Coast during the MACJC All-Star game which was played at Choctaw Central High School and co-hosted by ECC Hicks was the North's high scorer with 22 points, an Venzen finished with five for the South squad. The Nort won in a blow out, 114-99.

WEEK OF 4-15-98



Special guests at the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College All-Star Basketball Games were coaches Van Chancellor (second from left) of the reigning Women's National Basketball Association champion Houston Comets and Wimp Sanderson (second from right) of Arkansas-Little Rock. Also shown are East Central coaches Sammy Pace (far left) and Marty Cooper (far right).

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL X
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 5-18-98

Bowie signs with ECCC

Lamond Bowie, of Morton, has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball at East Central Community College in Decatur. Bowie, a member of the State Champion Morton Panther squad, is joined at the signing ceremony by his mother (seated left) Marie Bowie and standing (from left): Jay Bowen, ECCC coach; Danny Grieves, Morton head basketball coach; and Kim Grieves.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 5-18-98

McDougle signs with ECCC

Ashley McDougle, of Morton, has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball for East Central Community College in Decatur. Joining Ashley at the signing were his parents, Joe (seated left) and Jacqueline McDougle (seated right) and standing: (from left) Jay Bowen, ECCC coach; Danny Grieves, Morton head basketball coach and Kim Grieves.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

there," Moncrief said.

At first, it was all for fun. "All my friends played, so I wanted to play too," she said. She thought no more about it at the time; there wasn't anything to think about. Basketball was a form of fun, a kind of recreation, a diversion. A nice way to spend a few hours with friends.

Circumstances changed somewhat by the sixth grade. She moved to Decatur that year, and then back to Newton the next year. Upon returning to the area where she had played before, she began to notice she was a better player.

At that point, she began to work purposefully toward improving her game. She was rewarded, in the seventh grade, with a chance to play in a high school game.

It is one of her most vivid basketball-related memories. "It was my first high school basketball," she said with a smile. "We played against Sebastopol."

They won the game.

Another memorable experience: "Last year during tournament play against Newton County, I packed four shots back to back," she said. For those not familiar with sports slang, that means she blocked four consecutive shots. "We had been trying for the longest, and finally beat them."

These experiences--and many others--pushed her to work even harder, and she has gradually improved the level of her play. In the 10th, 11th and 12th grades, she has played on a team that has won the county championship each year.

This past year--her senior year--the Lady Tigers beat Choctaw Central, a team ranked 5th in the state, and won the 2A south state tournament and were 2A state runners-up.

"She has led the team in scoring all four years of high school," said Newton High Girls Basketball Coach Arthur McMillan. "She averaged 17 points, 12 rebounds, and two-and-a-half blocks per game. She was a pre-season Dandy Dozen in the *Clarion-Ledger*, was selected for the *Clarion-Ledger* all-state team, selected to play in the Mississippi/Alabama All Star Game, and has been honored as the best offensive player all four years at Newton High. She has made all-division, all-south-state and all-state."

Often, McMillan said, just the presence of the 74-inch-tall center can change the game. "Standing under the basket, she changes so many shots. Sometimes she blocks shots, and sometimes people are just afraid to shoot with her in front of them," McMillan said.

Moncrief has signed to play basketball with East Central Community College this fall, and she will be attending summer basketball camp at ECCC. She knows it won't be easy, but looks forward to the challenge.

"I expect it will be really different," she said. "It's got to be a big change. All I can do is adapt to the change."

She also looks forward to working with Coach Sammy Pace at ECCC. But she hopes to do more than shoot hoops. "I'd also like to play softball, especially if my cousin Aletha plays," she said.

Aletha also will be attending ECCC. Why does Tonya want to play softball with Aletha?

Competitive spirit. "We always have a little competition going with each other," Tonya said. The spirit of competition, in fact, is one of the driving forces that powers Tonya's game, and it doesn't stop with a bit of friendly competition among cousins.

When Tonya isn't playing basketball on a hardwood indoor court somewhere, she often can be found on the driveway basketball courts in her neighborhood. She has a basket set up at her grandmother's house and another at her uncle's house.

Most of the neighborhood basketball players are boys, and many are no longer teenagers. But despite playing neighborhood basketball with "boys" much older than she, she plays against--and, more importantly, to *win* against--older players who are trying desperately to impress their girlfriends. But, as always, the most important reason she likes to play against the men is the challenge.

Tonya hopes to work toward being a trainer or a social worker someday. In the meantime, she lives with her mother, Peggy, and her two brothers and two sisters, and waits to see how summer camp and the first basketball season at ECCC shape up.

Coach McMillan, who says Tonya is the best female center he's ever coached, has no problem believing if she plays at ECCC and works hard to continue to sharpen her game, she is likely to get an opportunity to try the pro league. "I really believe that," he says.

The admiration is mutual, perhaps because Tonya knows there are no magic shortcuts, no happily-ever-afters tacked to the end of the story that whisk heroes--or heroines--to a castle in the clouds where all wishes are granted. No. There is only the hard work and the aching muscles and the perspiration--the *sweat*--and the drive to develop the ability to meet the challenges.

As previously noted, this ain't no fairy tale. This is a story about hard work, and players and coaches who know that, and accept it, and do their best.

"I really look up to my coach (McMillan)," Tonya says. "He put my heart in the game. He kept telling me to do better. It's not easy--the running will kill you--but if you love the game, you do what you have to do. Like the coach says, it starts in the heart."

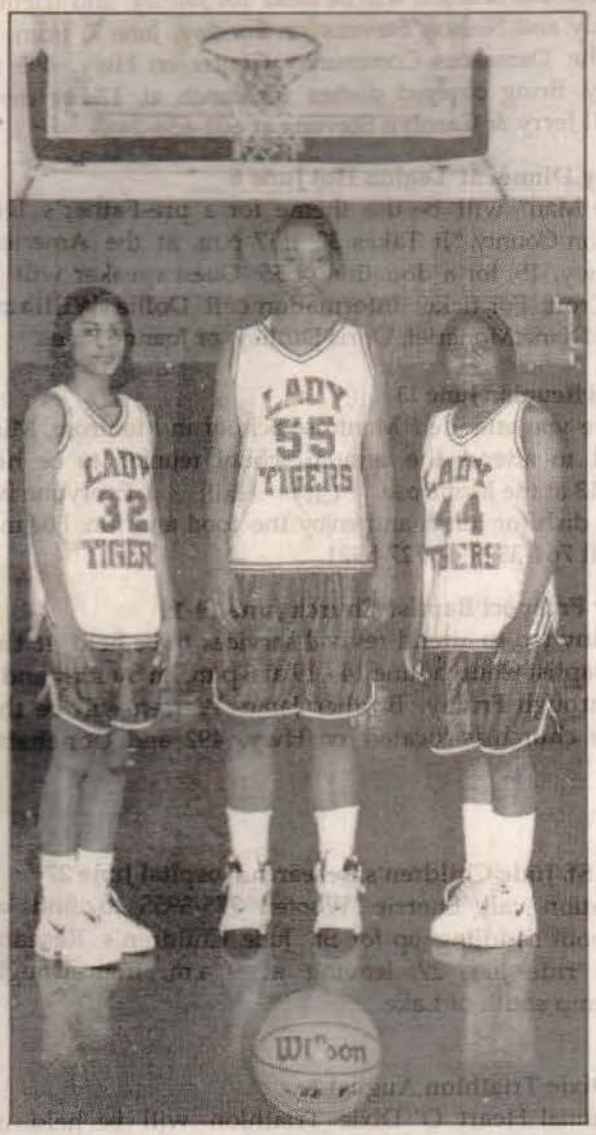
And it ends only when the hard work, determination and ability have taken you as far as you can go.

APPE
LAKE
SCOT
UNIO
WINS
CLAR

NTON RECORD
RIDIAN STAR

6/1/93

Front and center



At left: Moncrief (55), with Lady Tiger teammates Angela Ellis (32) and Arletha Moncrief (44). Above: Moncrief (34) recently attended a mini-camp at Mississippi College for the Mississippi/Alabama All-Star Basketball teams. From left: Sandra Sumrall, West Jones, Administrative Coach; Moncreif; Mickey Miller, Hatley, All-Star Girls' Coach; Harold Liggans, Port Gibson, All-Star Girls' Coach. The teams report to Mississippi College on June 9 for practice; the games will be played Saturday, June 13, at A.E. Wood Coliseum, Mississippi College, Clinton, beginning at 1 p.m.

Lady has chance to become Warrior

Keith Justice

Once upon a time, in a very nice country that was often noted more for its enthusiasm than for its good sense, girls were not always encouraged to take sports seriously.

Girls played in the band. Girls were cheerleaders. Girls attended home economics classes and went to ball games to show support for boyfriends who ran for touchdowns or shot hoops. Where sports were concerned, it was the boys who lived happily ever after.

But this ain't no fairy tale.

This is a story about the gritty reality of hard work and lots of sweat--not the more polite *perspiration*, mind you, but the kind of honest-to-God sweat that comes from putting in thousands of hours of training, practice and conditioning.

help push a team to performance levels that set school records, accept an offer to play basketball for a community college next season--and then put on a dress and attend a high school prom without causing one single raised eyebrow.

Tonya Moncrief, a standout basketball player at Newton High for the past four years, knows the meaning of the words "hard work." Her ability to play basketball was not achieved with the wave of a fairy godmother's magic wand.

No, Moncrief earned her ability the old-fashioned way. She worked for it. Since the third grade.

"When I was in third grade, I didn't know how to play basketball. My PE coach, Evelyn Bender, said I could run and dribble well for my age, so she started working with me,

WEEK OF 6-1-98

East Central Community College men's basketball players who received awards are, from left, Ray Waddell (Hustle Award), Ken Russell (Freshman of the Year), Gilberto Venzen (Most Valuable Player, Leading Rebounder, All-Star, and All-Region 23), and Herbert Montgomery (Best Offensive Player). Not pictured is Brian Hillie (Most Improved). The Warriors finished with an 11-16 record.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL ✓
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-1-98

RECEIVE WARRIOR BASKETBALL AWARDS - East Central Community College men's basketball players who received various awards following the 1997-98 season included (from left) Ray Waddell of Philadelphia, hustle award; Ken Russell of Newton County High School, "Freshman of the Year"; Gilberto Venzen of Eastman, GA, most valuable player, leading rebounder, All-Star and All-Region 23; and Herbert Montgomery of Lafayette, LA, best offensive player. Not picutred is Brian Hillie of Newton, most improved. The awards were presented by head coach Marty Cooper at the College's annual Spring Sports Cookout/Awards Presentation at Turkey Creek Water Park near Decatur. The Warriors completed season play with an 11-16 record. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-7-98

Members of the East Central Community College women's basketball who received awards are, seated from left, Denise Chapman (Most Improved), Jamie Floyd (team captain, most rebounds, and All-Star), Ellake Murray (most free throws), Nicole Barrett (Most Valuable Player, Best Offensive Player, All-Star, All-Region 23, and All-State), standing, Wendy Mapp (most assists, Freshman of the Year, and All-Region 23 Tournament team), Marina Carter (Best Defensive Player), and Kamonica Craig (Lady Warrior Award). The Lady Warriors completed the 1997-98 season with a 19-9 mark.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL ✓
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-22-98

EC's high school girls' basketball camp next week

East Central Community College will be hosting a senior high school basketball camp, Sunday-Wednesday.

Total cost for the camp is $125 for full-time campers and $85 for non-dorm campers. A deposit of $40 must be made in advance to satisfy registration with the balance due at the beginning of camp.

Anyone registering after June 1 will be assessed a $15 late fee.

The camp cost includes meals, dormitory rooms for full-time campers, accident insurance and a camp T-shirt. Full-time campers must provide linens, blankets, and pillows.

Day campers will be provided the noon meal only.

There will be three sessions daily from 9-11 a.m., 2-4 p.m., and 7-9 p.m. Parents and friends are welcome to attend any or all sessions. Registration will take place Sunday from 1-3 p.m. The camp will conclude Wednesday after the evening session.

For applications or more information, contact Sammy Pace, ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327 or phone 635-2111 ext. 246 or 310, or toll-free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL ✓
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 11-30-98

ECCC splits pair at Bishop State

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors began the Thanksgiving holiday on a happy note as the Sammy Pace-coached squad edged Bishop State Community College of Mobile, Ala., by a 72-68 margin on Nov. 24. With the win, the ECCC women improved to 7-1

East Central's men were not as fortunate on the road trip, as Jay Bowen's Warriors were outscored 85-70. The loss gives the Warriors a 6-2 mark on the young season.

Leading the offensive attack for the Lady Warriors was Wendy Mapp of Newton County who had 21 points. Other scorers were Charissa Williams of Houma, La.,16; Sharae Brown of Scott Central, 13; Krystal Courtney of Holden, La., 11; Sonya Pinkston of Forest, five; and Ellake Murray of Scott Central and Denise Chapman of Newton, three each.

East Central led 28-27 at halftime.

Keith Bell of Choctaw Central and Ken Russell of Newton County led the Warriors in scoring with 15 points each. Other point-makers were Demando Mingo of Choctaw Central, 10; Courtney Jones of South Leake, eight; Randy Tangle of Choctaw Central, seven; Ray Waddell of Philadelphia, five; Otis Wallace of Memphis and Lamond Bowie of Morton, four each; and Ashley McDougle of Morton, two.

Ray Waddell of Philadelphia shoots from just inside the 3-point arc against Bisho

The Warriors trailed 42-20 at intermission and were unable to complete a comeback.

After hosting Pearl River on Tuesday, both EC teams travel to Gulf Coast on Thursday.

The final home games for 1998 will be hel on Monday, Dec. 7 when the Warriors an Lady Warriors host Jones.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓

UNION APPEAL ✓

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 7-6-98

Attend ECCC hoop camp

These young athletes from Neshoba County recently participated in basketball camp held at East Central Community College in Decatur. From left seated are Kyle Gibson, Shaun Daugherty, Docy Morris, Eric Truss and Zac Weaver; standing, Kyle Thompson, Jeremiah Tubby, camp instructor Philip Prince, Moses Thompson and Beasley Willis. Former Warrior head coach Mary Cooper served as camp director.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ✓
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 7-6-98

Hodge and Willis attend ECCC hoop camp

Shay Hodge(left), of Morton, and Trevarrous Willis of Forest recently participated in a basketball camp held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Former Warrior head coach Marty Cooper served as camp director. (Photo courtsey of ECCC)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES /
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 7-13-98

Lady Rebels attend East Central hoop camp

These young athletes from Scott Central recently attended basketball camp at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (seated, from left) Patricia Odom, Natasha Battle, Clarissa Murrell, Latoya Walton, Jaqueline McBride and Telisa Callahan; and (standing, from left) Lady Rebel head coach Chad Harrison, Monica Walton, Tasha Black, Ashley brown, Tekeyla Singleton, Britney Burkes and Marquita Anderson. ECCC athletic director and head women's basketball coach Sammy Pace served as the camp director.(Photo courtesy of ECCC)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF July 20, 1998

Louisville students participate in East Central hoop camp

These Winston County athletes recently participated in softball camp at East Central Community College in Decatur. Campers and their respective schools include (front row, from left) Nycole Hemphill and Heather Steele, both of Nanih Waiya; Maralyn Strait, Kim Cooper, Brittany Dempsey and Lindsey Clark, all of Winston Academy; Jamiee Jones, Nanih Waiya' and Anna Price, grace Christian; and (second row, from left) Dru Fulton, Louisville; Rachel Smith, Grace Christian; Keisha Fulcher and Hope Estes, both of Nanih Waiya; Mallory Thompson, Louisville; Mary Margaret Gay, Winston Academy; and Brittney Miles, Nanih Waiya.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL_____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL ✓

CLARION-LEDGER_____

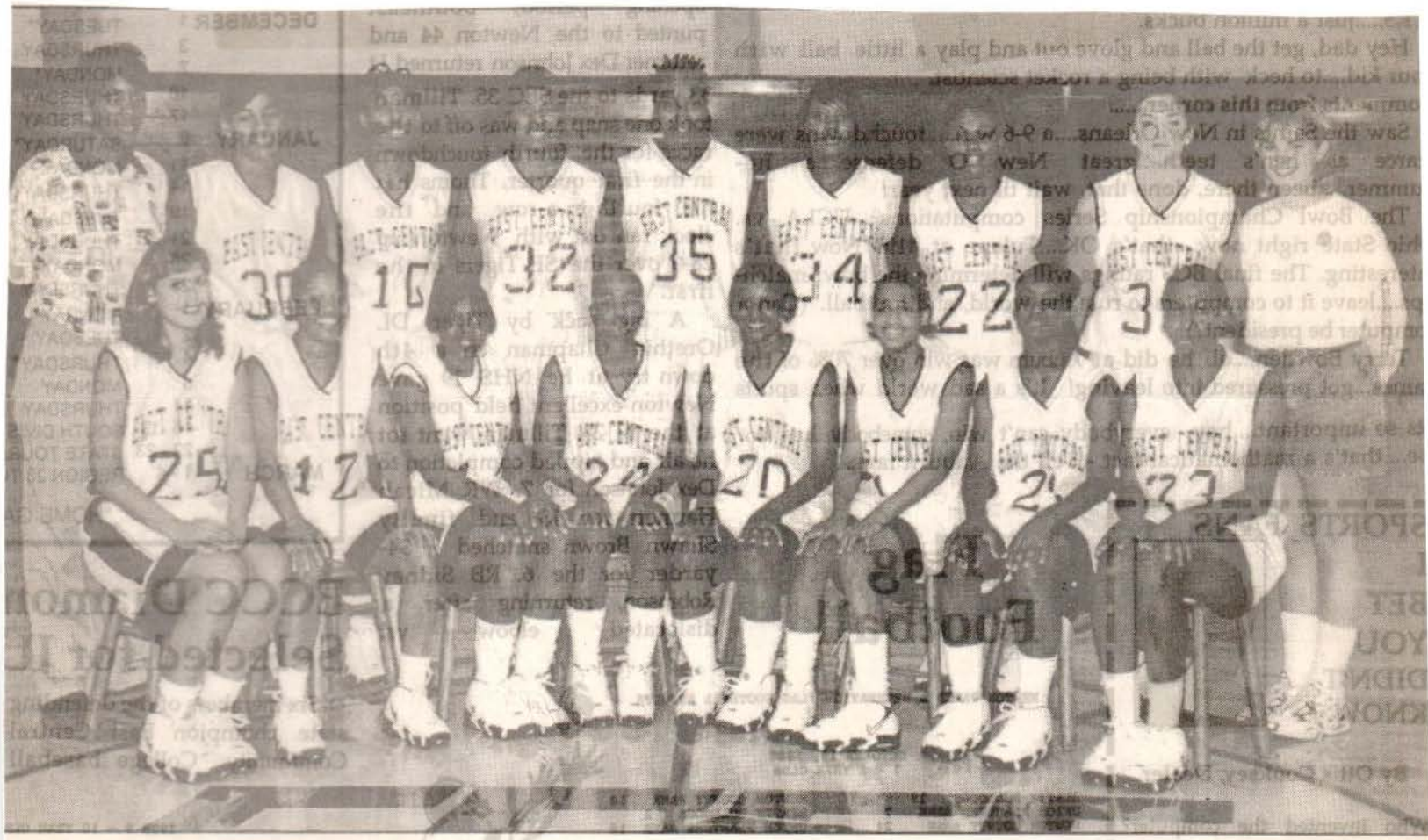
CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 10-26-98



ECCC LADY WARRIOR BASKETBALL TEAM -Members of the 1998-99 East Central Community College women's basketbal team include (seated, from left) Susan Boatner of Clarkdale, Wendy Mapp of Newton county, Arletha Moncrief of Newton, Ellak Murray of Scott Central, Felisha Temple of Newton County, Denise Chapman of Newton, Tonya Viverette of South Leake and Shara Brown of Scott Central; and (standing, from left) manager Artress Ruggs of Vigor (Alabama), Marina Carter of Philadelphia, LaShant Lyle of Morton, Charissa Williams of Terrebonne (Louisiana), Tonya Moncrief of Newton, Quintina Edwards of Vigor (Alabama) Sonya Pinkston of Forest, Krystal Courtney of Holden (Louisiana) and manager Huellen Nutt of Morton. Sammy Pace serves as hea coach and Brandi Harber-Hollifield is assistant coach. The Lady Warriors begin season action Monday, November 2, when they tak on Mary Holmes during the Jones County Junior College Tipoff tournament in Ellisville. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL_____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

East Central Community College prepares for 1998-99 hoop action

Nov. 2, 98

East Central Community College begins basketball season by participating in the Jones County Junior College Tipoff Tournament scheduled November 2-3 on the Ellisville campus.

First-round competition includes the Lady Warriors' matchup with Mary Holmes at 2:30 followed by the Warriors' contest with Shelton State (AL) at 4:15. Both EC squads will battle Coahoma teams the following day. Women's action starts at 2:30 and the men will battle at 4:15.

East Central teams travel to East Miss. on Friday, November 6, and begin home action against Holmes on Tuesday, November 10.

Returning for his 14th year as Lady Warrior head coach is Sammy Pace whose overall record stands at 215 wins and 143 losses. Coach Pace led last year's squad to a 19-9 mark, including an impressive win over state champion Northeast in first-round action of the Region 23 Tournament held at Mississippi College.

Coach Pace expects another successful campaign for his Lady Warriors.

"We are again blessed with another talented squad but there's a lot of talent in the juco ranks. We obviously won't really know how good we are until we begin the season. Our expectations are very high, however," Pace said.

The Lady Warriors are led by sophomore Wendy Mapp, a 5'5" guard from Newton County High School. Mapp was the team leader in assists last season and also received the "Freshman of the Year" award. In addition, she was named to the All-Region 23 Tournament Team.

Other top returnees included guards Denise Chapman, a 5'4" product of Newton High School; Ellake Murray, a 5'5" graduate of Scott Central; and Marina Carter, a 5'10" forward from Philadelphia. Chapman received the most improved award, Murray led the Lady Warriors in free throws and Carter was selected best defensive player.

Additional sophomore team members include Felisha Temple, a 5'5" guard from Newton County High School; Sonya Pinkston, a 5'9" forward from Forest; Sharae Brown, a 5'9" forward from Scott Central; Charissa Williams, a 6' center from Terrebonne (LA) High School; Krystal Courtney, a 5'10" forward from Holden (LA) High School; and Quintina Edwards, a 5'11" forward from Vigor (AL)

Freshman are LaShanta Lyle, a 6' center from Morton; Arletha Moncrief, a 5'5" guard from Newton; Tonya Viverette, a 5'7" guard from South Leake; Susan Boatner, a 5'10" forward from Clarkdale; and Tonya Moncrief, a 6'2" center from Newton.

Serving her first year as an assistant to Coach Pace is Brandi Harber Hollifield, a former basketball standout at Union High School, East Central Community College and Southeastern Louisiana in Hammond.

The Warriors are led by Jay Bowen who begins his second tenure at East Central. He previously led the ECCC men from 1989-91, compiling a record of 30 wins and 21 losses. His 1990-91 squad posted a 21-6 mark.

Prior to rejoining the Warrior coaching staff, Bowen led the boys' basketball program at Jackson Academy the past two seasons, where his teams amassed a record of 55 wins and 11 losses. The 1996-97 Raiders won the state 4A title.

Bowen is cautiously optimistic about this year's Warrior squad.

"We're undersized but make up for it in our work ethic. Practices have gone well and this is really a good group of young men. I'm especially pleased with our defense," Bowen said.

Top returnees from last year's 11-16 squad are Ray Waddell, a 5'10" point from Philadelphia and Ken Russell, a 6'2" wing from Newton County High School. Waddell received the team's hustle award last season and Russell was named the Warriors' "Freshman of the Year".

Other sophomore players include Demando Mingo, a 5'9" wing and Keith Bell, a 6'8" post, both from Choctaw Central, and Tim Overstreet, a 6'7" post from Carthage.

Freshmen are Lamond Bowie, a 6' point, Prentiss Wilson, a 6'4" wing and Ashley McDougle, a 6'8" post, all from Morton; Randy Tangle, a 5'8" wing from Choctaw Central; Courtney Jones, a 6'4" wing from South Leake; Otis Wallace, a 6'5" wing from East (TN) High School in Memphis; and Jessie Williams, a 6'3" wing from Clovis (TX) High School in San Antonio.

Serving his first year as an assis-

APPEARED IN:
LAKE MESSENGER
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

RAT

WEEK OF Nov. 2, 98

1998-99 East Central Community College Warriors

Members of the 1998-99 East Central Community College men's basketball team include (seated, from left) Jarvis Booth, Northeast Jones; Jessie Williams, Clovis (Texas)High School; Otis Wallace, East Memphis, Tenn.; Ashley McDougle, Morton; Keith Bell, Choctaw Central; Tim Overstreet, Carthage; Courtney Jones, South Leake; Prentiss Wilson, Morton; and Ken Russell, Newton County. Standing, (from left) are: Managers Tonya Easterling, Pelahatchie and Michael Reeves, Forest; Student trainers Brent Bennett and Glenn Ogletree, of Leake Academy; manager Uwe Dotzauer, Newton and Landau, Germany; Ray Waddell, Philadelphia; Lamond Bowie, Morton; Randy Tangle and Demando Mingo, Choctaw Central. Head coach Jay Bowen; assistant coach Luther Riley; head athletic trainer Joey McLeod, Rush Sports medicine; and manager James Woods of East Memphis. The warriors begin season action against Shelton State during the Jones County Junior College Tipoff Tournament which begins, Monday, November 2 in Ellisville.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 11-16-98

Choctaw Central grad Demando Mingo drives the baseline in ECCC's 72-62 win over Bishop State.

EC Warriors off to 'easy' 5-0 start

By MARTY STAMPER
Democrat Sports Editor

The Warriors and Lady Warriors of East Central Community College both had a pair of homecourt wins last week.

The Lady Warriors improved to 4-1 while the Warriors upped their record to 5-0 as they also had an earlier loss to Shelton State of Tuscaloosa, Ala., reversed due to a forfeit for using ineligible players.

• EC women 72, Holmes 70: The Lady Warriors improved to 3-1 on Nov. 10 in Decatur.

The game was tied 27-27 at halftime.

Wendy Mapp of Newton County scored 21 points to lead EC. Sharae Brown had 18, Charissa Williams scored 13, Denise Chapman and LaShanta Lyle both had seven, and Sonya Pinkston added five points.

Jennifer King led Holmes with 21.

• EC men 90, Holmes 69: Choctaw Central grad Keith Bell scored 22 points to lead the Warriors to the Nov. 10 win in Decatur.

EC led the Bulldogs 33-24 at halftime in improving to 3-1.

Ken Russell tossed in 19 points for the Warriors. Courtney Jones added 13, Demando Mingo had 11, Ray Waddell and Otis Wallace both had eight, and Jarvis Booth scored six.

Damien Perkins led Holmes, 1-2, with 20.

• EC women 88, Bishop State 77: Sharae Brown of Scott Central scored 27 points to lead EC to Thursday's win in Decatur.

EC led by a slim 42-41 margin at halftime before outscoring Bishop 46-36 over the second 20 minutes.

Wendy Mapp had 15 points for the 4-1 Lady Warriors while Krystal Courtney scored 12, Felisha Temple had 11, Sonya Pinkston tossed in eight, and Denise Chapman added five.

Marian Tucker led Bishop with 13 while Letitia Cooper and Kristie Reed both had 12.

• EC men 72, Bisho State 62: The Warriors pulle out to a 40-27 halftime lea and held on to take Thursday' win in Decatur.

The Warriors also receive a forfeit from Shelton Stat earlier in the day for playing pair of ineligible players in th season opening Jones Tourna ment to improve to 5-0.

Ken Russell of Newto County led EC with 23 point Demando Mingo scored 1 Keith Bell had nine, Courtne Jones scored eight, Ray Wa dell and Lamond Bowie bot had seven, and Otis Walla added six.

Michael Tucker scored points to lead Bishop.

CLARION-LEDGER

JOURNAL

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ✓

NEWTON RECORD

MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF 11-16-98

EC teams win twice apiece at home

The Warriors and Lady Warriors of East Central Community College both had a pair of homecourt wins last week.

The Lady Warriors improved to 4-1 while the Warriors upped their record to 5-0 as they also had an earlier loss to Shelton State of Tuscaloosa, Ala., reversed due to a forfeit for using ineligible players.

• **EC women 72, Holmes 70:** The Lady Warriors improved to 3-1 on Nov. 10 in Decatur.

The game was tied 27-27 at halftime.

Wendy Mapp of Newton County scored 21 points to lead EC. Sharae Brown had 18, Charissa Williams scored 13, Denise Chapman and LaShanta Lyle both had seven, and Sonya Pinkston added five points.

Jennifer King led Holmes with 21.

• **EC men 90, Holmes 69:** Choctaw Central grad Keith Bell scored 22 points to lead the Warriors to the Nov. 10 win in Decatur.

EC led the Bulldogs 33-24 at halftime in improving to 3-1.

Ken Russell tossed in 19 points for the Warriors. Courtney Jones added 13, Demando Mingo had 11, Ray Waddell and Otis Wallace both had eight, and Jarvis Booth scored six.

Damien Perkins led Holmes, 1-2, with 20.

• **EC women 88, Bishop State 77:** Sharae Brown of Scott Central scored 27 points to lead EC to Thursday's win in Decatur.

EC led by a slim 42-41 margin at halftime before outscoring Bishop 46-36 over the second 20 minutes.

Wendy Mapp had 15 points for the 4-1 Lady Warriors while Krystal Courtney scored 12, Felisha Temple had 11, Sonya Pinkston tossed in eight, and Denise Chapman added five.

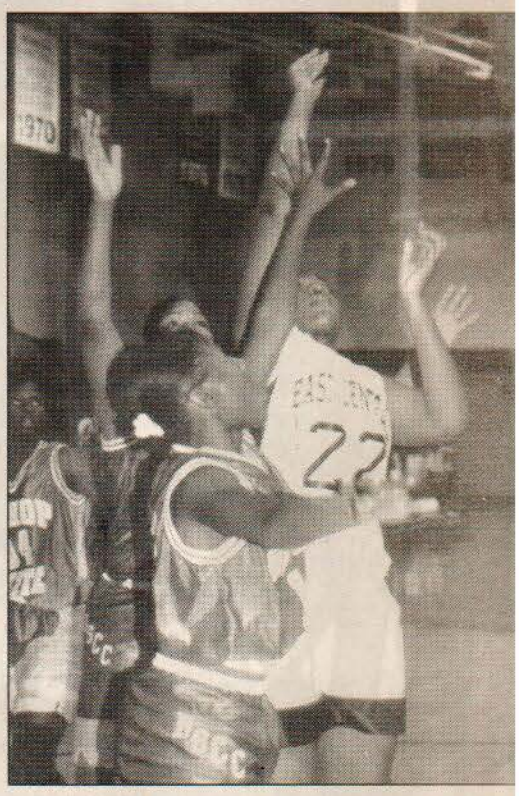
Marian Tucker led Bishop with 13 while Letitia Cooper and Kristie Reed both had 12.

• **EC men 72, Bishop State 62:** The Warriors pulled out to a 40-27 halftime lead and held on to take Thursday's win in Decatur.

The Warriors also received a forfeit from Shelton State earlier in the day for playing a pair of ineligible players in the season opening Jones Tournament to improve to 5-0.

Ken Russell of Newton County led EC with 23 points. Demando Mingo scored 12, Keith Bell had nine, Courtney Jones scored eight, Ray Waddell and Lamond Bowie both had seven, and Otis Wallace added six.

Michael Tucker scored 19 points to lead Bishop.



Sonya Pinkston of Forest shoots in traffic as East Central's Lady Warrior defeated Bishop State, 88-77.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD ✓

MERIDIAN STAR_____

College Visitors/Events/News

WEEK OF 1-5-98

Summitt Delegates.....

At the Summit for Mississippi's Future, held November 4-5 in Jackson, delegates developed action plans to provide area young people with five fundamental resources -- a caring adult, safe places and structured after-school activities, a healthy start, a marketable skill and an opportunity to serve their community. Their plans are part of a three-year statewide effort to provide resources to an additional 20,000 children. Local Summit delegates included (left to right): Robert Blount, Marie G. Hinson, Walter Gardner, Billy Pierce, Marci Hollingsworth, Dr. Phil Sutphin, Newton County Delegation.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL ✓
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-22-98

Scott County officials visit EC campus

Scott County officials recent visited the East Central Communi College campus in Decatur an were special guests at the Board Trustees' luncheon/meeting he in June. Pictured are (front ro from left) Jack Gordon, Distri Four Supervisor; James Johnso Chancery Clerk; and Chuck Wad District One Supervisor; (secon row, from left) Bettie Sones, Com troller; and ECCC trustees Fra McCurdy of Morton, Scott Coun Superintendent of Educatio Rebecca Farris of Morton, and (th row, from left) A.F. Hollingswor of Lake, Jackie Bradford of Fore and Vernon Crotwell of Morto Not pictured are supervisors Ste Lee, Buford Palmer and Isa Weems; and Noble Lee, Boa Attorney. Also not pictured is EC trustee Tommy Harrison of Fore

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-8-98

A loan for new EC dorm

A check in the amount of $3-million was recently presented to East Central Community College in Decatur which will be used to construct a new women's dormitory on the College's South campus. The check represents a loan from the United Stated Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Division, which will be repaid through special tax levies approved by the five district county boards of supervisors over a 25-year period. Shown during the check presentation are (from left) George Irvin Sr., USDA State Director; Prentice Copeland of Philadelphia, ECCC Board of Trustees Chairman; Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECCC President; Congressman Chip Pickering; and Ilene Gordon from Senator Trent Lott's office. Pickering, Lott and Senator Thad Cochran played key roles in securing the loan with federal funds. The new dorm, officially named Erma Lee Barber Hall in honor of the former ECCC Dean of Women and dorm supervisor, will provide housing for 124 female students. Ground breaking for the new facility will be held this summer.

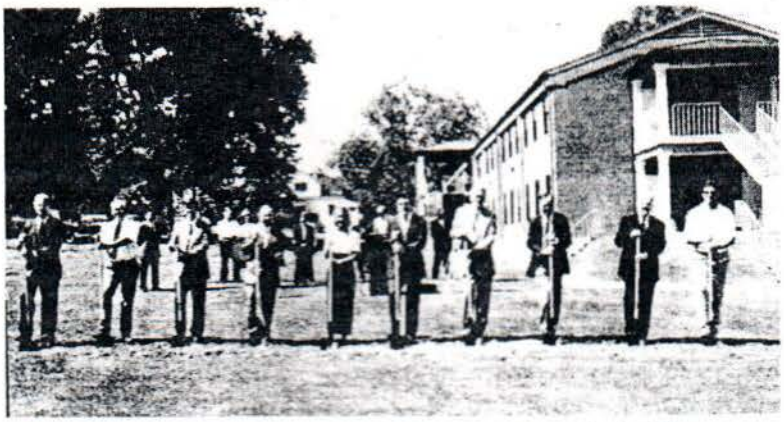
APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN ✓
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-1-98

Groundbreaking for ECCC Facility



DECATUR--Participating in groundbreaking ceremonies for Phase I construction of the new Student Services/Student Union Building at East Central Community College in Decatur included (from left) Dr. Phil Sutphin, ECCC dean of instruction and former dean of students; Jerry Nance of Louisville, ECCC Board of Trustees secretary; Billy Nicholson of Union, Board vice chairman; Prentice Copeland of Philadelphia, Board chairman; Amy Gomillion of Walnut Grove, ECCC student body president; David Griffin, Mayor of Decatur; General (ret.) Denver Brackeen of Union, former ECCC dean of students; Gene Davis, ECCC director of adult and continuing education and former dean of students; Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECCC president; and Darin McDorman, MCO Construction, contractors for the new facility. The 14,104 square-foot structure will house office space for Student Services personnel and is being constructed at a cost of $2,232,830.50. Funding for the much-needed facility comes from state bond sources with no indebtedness to the College or to the five district counties. When Phase I is completed, construction is expected to begin on the second phase of the project which will house the Office of Admissions, Records and Research, College bookstore, recreational space, study areas and a food court. Phase I is expected to be completed in about 10 months. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER ✓
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES _____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL _____
CLARION-LEDGER _____
CARTHAGINIAN _____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT _____
NEWTON RECORD _____
MERIDIAN STAR _____

WEEK OF 5-25-98

Recognized for service

Gloria Johnson (second from left) of Morton, assistant librarian at East Central Community College, was recently recognized for 10 years service at the annual "Teacher Appreciation Tea" held on the Decatur campus. Shown with the honoree are (from left) Ann Burkes, head librarian; Gail Wood, assistant librarian; and Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECCC president. Johnson holds a bachelor's degree from Mississippi Valley State University and a master's from the University of Southern Mississippi. She has completed additional studies at Mississippi State University, USM and Jackson State University. (EC photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 5-25-98

Surgical tech program offered

East Central Community College's Work-Based Learning program allows surgical technology students such as Debbie Risher (left) of Morton to learn the importance of all aspects of the career including patient and treatment documentation as well as the technical challenges of the profession. The program assists employers in selecting work-ready students for full-time employment, and feedback from employers helps instructors remain current on the latest technologies. At right as Work-Based Learning mentor Illine Capps, a registered nursing with Riley Memorial Hospital. For more information, contact Roger Whitlock, Work-Based Learning Coordinator, at ECCC, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 305.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 5-18-98

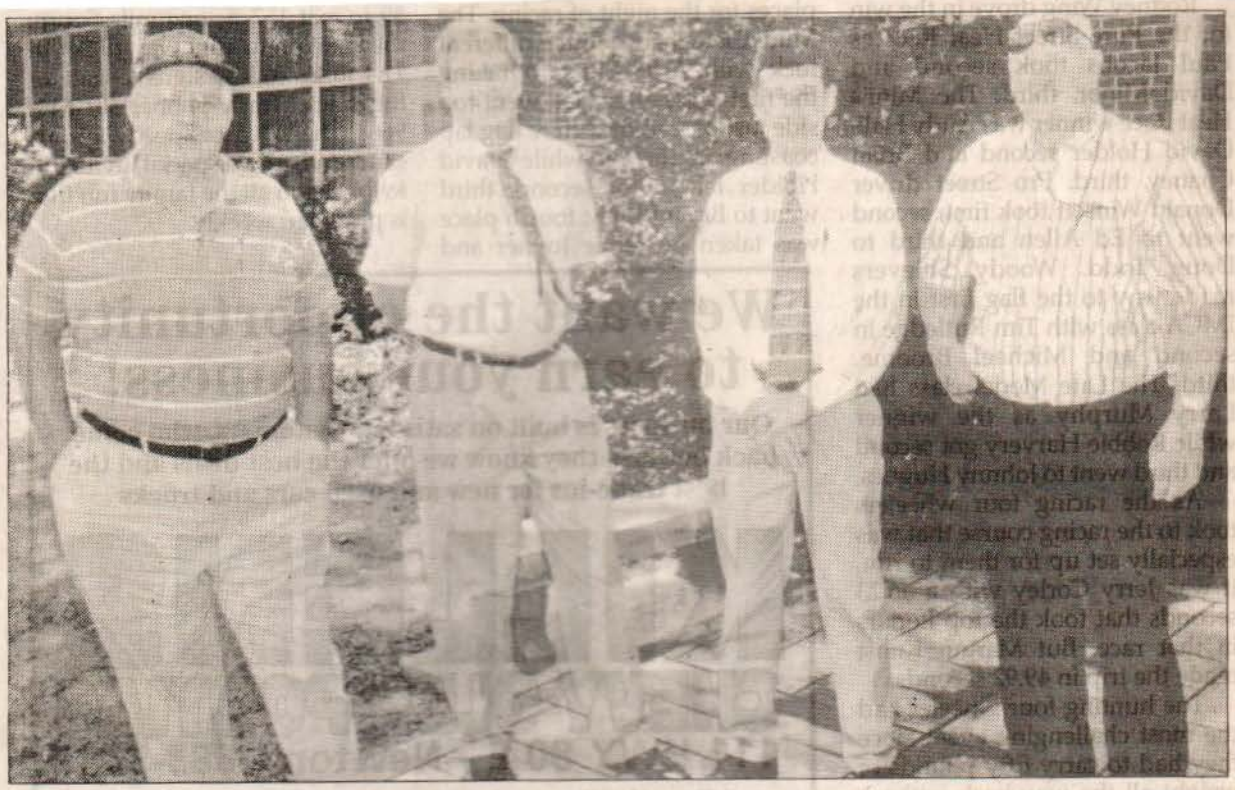
SPECIAL ECCC VISITORS - Possible grants to enhance the campus of East Central Community College and the Town of Decatur were recently discussed at ECCC by (from left) Bruce Pilgrim of Decatur, civil engineering technician for the Natural Resources Conservation Service; Joe Doss of Hattiesburg, resource coordinator for NRCS; David Griffin, Mayor of Decatur; and Harvey Trapp, ECCC business manager. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 5-18-98



Plan ECCC Project.... Meeting to discuss possible grants to further enhance the campus of East Central Community College and the Town of Decatur are (from left) George Heard of Decatur, board of directors member for the Pat Harrison Waterway District; Harvey Trapp, ECCC business manager; David Griffin, Mayor of Decatur; and William H. Reid of Hattiesburg, district engineer for the Harrison Waterway District. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL ✓
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 5-13-98

Bowen returns to ECCC

The screening committee received and reviewed 20 applications for the position of head men's basketball coach at East Central Community College.

Finally, the committee recommended Jettie (Jay) Bowen to Dr. Eddie M. Smith to fill the vacant position of head men's basketball coach at East Central.

A memo from the Head Men's Basketball Coach Screening Committee said, "After careful consideration of the information available in the applicants' folders and the results of the interview process, we recommend that Mr. Jay Bowen be employed as head men's basketball coach at East Central Community College."

The memo cited Bowen's 73 percent winning record as a head coach and his history of being associated with several first class programs as an assistant.

Bowen served a previous stint as head coach at EC from 1989-1991, leading the Warriors to a 30-21 record.

The memo also pointed out that the players he recruited won over fifty games the next two years following his departure.

Bowen has also been a head coach at Craigmont Junior High School in Memphis from 1982-84 and at Jackson Academy since 1996.

He has served as an assistant at Georgia State University and Armstrong State College, both in Georgia and was a graduate assistant at the University of Mississippi.

Bowen graduated from Craigmont High School in Memphis in 1979.

He received his bachelor's degree from Christian Brothers College in Memphis and has done graduate work at Memphis State and Ole Miss.

A press conference was scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday, on the campus of East Central Community College, announcing the addition of Bowen to the coaching staff.

The screening committee's memo closed by adding, "The committee enthusiastically and unanimously voted, by secret ballot, to recommend that Mr. Jay Bowen be employed as head basketball coach at East Central Community College."

Bowen has reportedly signed a one year contract to end on June 30, 1999.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN ✓
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 5-13-98

Winston Co. native endows scholarship

Chatham

Winston County native Elgie Wilks Chatham, who now resides in Meridian, has endowed a scholarship at East Central Community College in memory of her parents.

"The J. Earl Wilks and Willie (Palmer) Wilks Scholarship, called the Wilks-Palmer Scholars Program, is a fitting tribute to a couple who reared six children through the Great Depression," said Dr. Eddie M. Smith, president of ECCC. "All of their children are graduates of senior colleges and universities and leading productive lives in their respective states and cities."

Chatham's parents lived in the Liberty Community in Winston County for more than 25 years before moving to Meridian, where college facilities were available. Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Wilks taught in the pioneer schools of Winston County, when a one-room building, housing grades one through eighth, was the norm — as was a four-month school term. A 1934 graduate of Noxapater High School in 1934, Chatham graduated from East Central in 1936, and from Mississippi University for Women in 1938. She also earned a master's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and an Ed.S. from Mississippi State University.

Two of Chatham's sisters also are graduates of ECCC. Melba Wilks Chesney of Meridian, Class of '41, later graduated from USM; and Doris Wilks Tissue of Pittsburgh, Class of '39, finished at The 'W."

The first Wilks-Palmer Scholars, to be awarded for the first semester of the freshman year, will be announced in the spring of 1999. Scholarship amount will be determined by the earnings from the endowment.

Interested students should apply to the College Scholarship Committee. Requirements for eligibility will include: graduation from a Winston County high school; evidence of a "burning desire" to attend college; and a minimum 2.5 or C-plus high school grade point average.

Other criteria being equal, preference will be given to the resident of the Liberty Community in Winston County, where 30 honorees are buried.

APPEARED IN:
LAKE MESSENGER
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER
MERIDIAN STAR ✓

WEEK OF 5-13-98

EC gifted

Officials with State Farm Insurance Companies in Mississippi recently made a $2100 contribution to East Central Community College in Decatur which will be used to purchase a network printer for Burton Library. Pam Thompson, State Farm agent in Morton, is shown making the check presentation to Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECCC president, as other area agents look on. From left are Sam Nowell, Philadelphia; David Weber, Carthage; Roger Owen, Philadelphia; Bob Douglas, Newton; Thompson; Gary Eldridge (District Manager), Meridian; Dr. Smith; Billy Nicholson, Union; and Granville Freeman, Forest. The presentation was made at the company's district luncheon/meeting held at Northwood Country Club in Meridian.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN ✓
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 5-13-98

Hospital donates to ECCC nursing program

W. Dale Saulters (left), administrator of Winston Medical Center in Louisville, presents a $1500 check to the East Central Community College Foundation, Inc. for support of the college's nursing program. Shown receiving the contribution is Larry Hogue, ECCC Director of Development and Alumni Relations.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL /
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 5-9-98

ECCC names classroom building for retiring professor

By **Jimmy Andrews**
The Meridian Star

DECATUR — Ceremonies officially naming a classroom building in honor of retiring East Central Community College faculty member Dr. Richard Ethridge will be held at 2:30 p.m. today in Huff Auditorium, on the Decatur campus.

Those scheduled to pay tribute to the longtime instructor include Dr. Eddie Smith, ECCC president; Dr. Phil Sutphin, Dean of Instruction; retired faculty member Ovid Vickers and Rev. David Grumbach, pastor of Clarke-Venable Baptist Church in Decatur.

"Following the program, activities continue on the college's South Campus, where Richard C. Ethridge Hall will be officially dedicated," explained Bubby Johnston, ECCC public relations director.

"The public is invited to attend the building convocation and reception to follow."

Dr. Ethridge is completing his 37th year at ECCC, where he teaches honors and basic social science courses in addition to serving as division chairman. He has been the recipient of numerous honors throughout his teaching career, the most recent being his selection as the College's Outstanding Humanities Faculty Member for 1997.

The Lauderdale County native was chosen Academic Instructor of the Year in 1988 by the ECCC Alumni Association, and was elected Outstanding Teacher in 1964 by a vote of the College's student body.

In addition to his work at ECCC, Dr. Ethridge has taught graduate level courses at the Meridian branch campuses of the University of Southern Mississippi and Mississippi State University. He has contributed to various scholarly works published by the Mississippi College and University Press and the LSU Press.

Dr. Ethridge has served as pastor and interim pastor of several Mississippi Baptist congregations.

He is married to the former Virginia Marble, and they have three daughters.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR X

WEEK OF 5-6-98

Establishes EC scholarship

Officials of Merchants and Farmers Bank in Philadelphia have funded a $1,000 scholarship program for students who attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The bank has pledged $1,000 a year for five years, qualifying the financial institution for the Investors in Excellence "Loyalty Club" at the College. From left are Bob Posey, bank vice president and ECCC alumnus (Class of 1982); Richard D. Wilson, bank president; Larry Hogue, ECCC Director of Development and Alumni Relations; Guy Nowell, bank senior vice president and ECCC alumnus (Class of 1973); and Penny Eakes, bank customer service office. For more information contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, Ph 635-2111, ext. 323.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT X
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 5-6-98

ECCC To Officially Dedicate Richard C. Ethridge Hall on May 9

DECATUR--Ceremonies officially naming a classroom building in honor of retiring ECCC faculty member Dr. Richard Ethridge will be held at 2;30 p.m. Saturday, May 8, 1998, in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Located on the College's South Campus, the facility was earlier designated as Richard C. Ethridge Hall by a unanimous vote of the College's Board of Trustees.

Among those scheduled to pay tribute to the longtime instructor include Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECCC President; Dr. Phil Sutphin, Dean of Instruction; retired faculty member Ovid S. Vickers, and the Rev. David Grumbach, pastor of Clarke-Venable Baptist Church in Decatur. Special music will be provided by the ECCC Brass Ensemble.

Following the program, activities continue on the College's South Campus where Richard C. Ethridge Hall will officially be dedicated. The public is invited to attend the building invocation and reception to follow.

Dr. Ethridge is completing his 37th year at EC, where he teaches honors and basic social science courses in addition to serving as division chairman. He has bee recipient of numerous honors throughout his teaching career, the most recent being his selection of the College's Outstanding Humanities Faculty Member for 1997. In recognition of this award and in observance of Arts and Humanities Month last October, Dr. Ethridge presented a lecture on 'Understanding Mississippians: Heirs to Puritanism' to a packed house in the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Art Center Auditorium.

Dr. Richard C. Ethridge

Dr. Ethridge was also honored by the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development at the University of Texas in Austin in 1996, where he was among other college instructors who were presented medallions for excellence in teaching. In addition, he was named the College's HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day: Working Toward Academic Excellence) Instructor for 1990, a designation by the Mississippi Legislature in recognition of outstanding college teachers. That same year he participated in the annual Lamplighters' conference which pays tribute to outstanding community and junior college instructors.

The Lauderdale County native was chosen Academic Instructor of the

standing Teacher in 1964 by a vote of the College's student body. He has also been listed in the Outstanding Young Men of America, Personalities of the South and Who's Who in the South and Southwest.

In addition to his work at Ec, Dr. Ethridge has taught graduate level courses at the Meridian Branch locations for the University of Southern Mississippi and Mississippi State University. He has contributed to various scholarly works published by the Mississippi College and University Press, and the LSU Press. He has also had articles published in various journals, magazines and newspapers. In addition, he is a certified instructor for the Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Development Course, developed under a Kellogg Foundation Grant, and teaches the course periodically. Societies and scholastic organizations to which Dr. Ethridge belongs include Eta Sigma (classical language), Pi Gamma Mu (social science), Phi Alpha Theta (history) and Phi Kappa Phi (scholarship).. He is also an active member of the Mississippi Historical Society, currently serving on its Board of Directors.

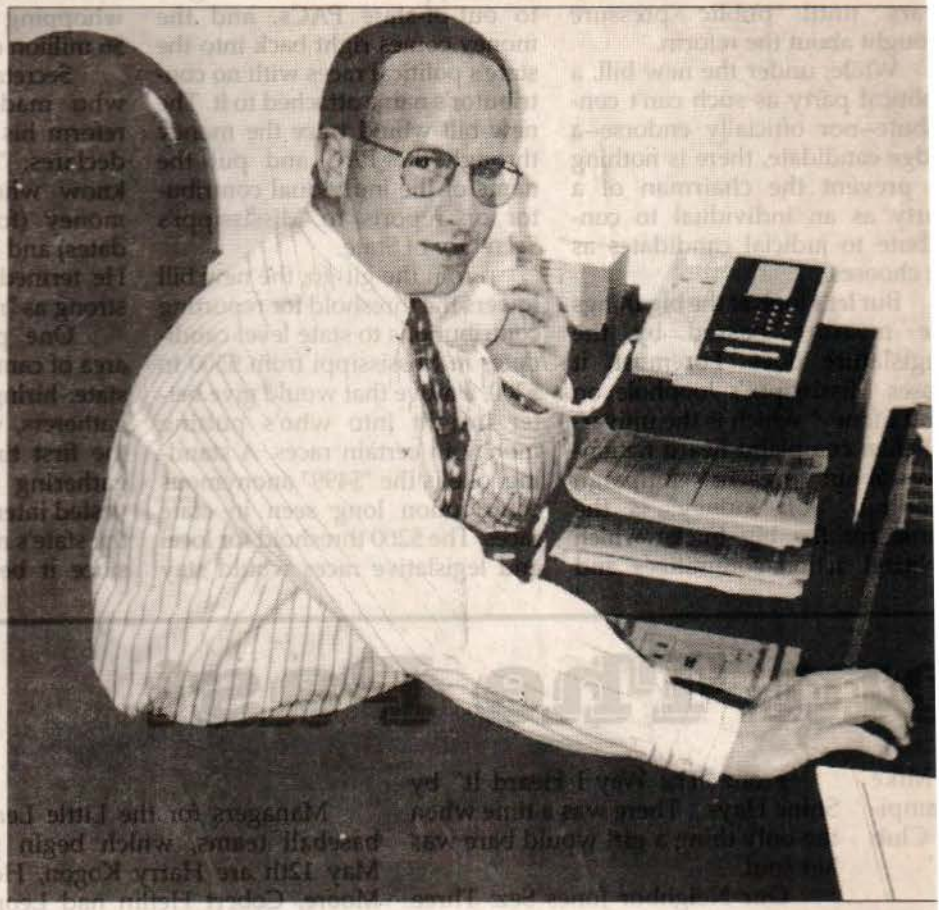
Dr. Ethridge has served in various advisory capacities, such as the Mississippi ETV Advisory Committee for the filming of an educational series on Mississippi History, and as Facilitator for the Oral History Project on Veterans of Modern Wars and Police Actions for the Neshoba County Public Library. He currently serves on the planning committee for the National College Forum, an event to be staged in conjunction with the Splendors of Versailles exhibit scheduled in Jackson through August, 1998.

An ordained minister, Dr. Ethridge has served as pastor or interim pastor of several Mississippi Baptist congregations, having most recently completed a 17-month period as interim pastor of his home church, Clark-Venable Memorial Baptist

APPEARED IN:
LAKE MESSENGER X
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES _____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL _____
CLARION-LEDGER _____

WEEK OF 4-15-98

Whitlock says he learns more than he teaches



by Austin Bishop Appeal Staff Writer

Some people never have a chance to reach their goals.

Roger Whitlock gets that chance every day.

"I just want to do my part in helping somebody else be successful," he said. "If I can just do something to help them unlock their potential, then that's all you can ask."

The 38-year-old Whitlock and his family live in Neshoba County's House Community, but basically call Union home.

"I've had a lot of good experiences in Union and have learned a lot from a lot of people," he said. "That's one of the things I think about sometimes. I try to remember the people who had a big influence on my life and I just hope that someday somebody will have the same thoughts and feelings about me."

Whitlock, who taught marketing and coached baseball for 10 years at Union High School, has been Work-Based Learning Coordinator at East Central Community College for the past four years.

"One of the things I miss is the face-to-face, day-to-day contact with the students," he said. "You really feel like you have an impact in a situation like that. You have a chance to learn and grow with them and they learn to trust and depend on you."

But he also enjoys what he's doing now, which is basically helping students find meaningful employment in what can be a sometimes vicious market place.

"There are good jobs out there for people of all skill levels and those industries want good, dependable employees," Whitlock said.

He said that the days of plants, even those with assembly lines or other repetitive work, hiring right off the street are basically over.

"They want people with some kind of work skills," he said. "Any kind of education you can get is of value."

Among the plants in Newton County working with East Central Community College's program are ESCO, Peavey's and La-Z-Boy.

Not only does Whitlock help select the students who go out into the workplace, which means they receive a salary as well as receive college credit, but he also goes and checks on them at the workplace.

"I'm always learning and I think that's important," says Whitlock, who points out that what he really wants to do for the students, the industries and all of those he comes out in contact with is to serve.

"That's where I get my joy," he said. "Doing something for other people is important to me."

And although he is well-educated and has 15 years of experience in his field, he's also far from being a know-it-all.

"When I go out to the plants and other various places I'm also there to learn as well," he said. "You can never know everything. And if you go into a situation thinking you do know it all, you will find it hard to learn from other people."

Whitlock, who due to several back surgeries doesn't get involved in athletics too much any more, earned his share of letters in high school.

He was the quarterback at Nettleton High School, where he graduated from in 1978, and also played middle infield for the baseball team.

"I wasn't very big," said Whitlock with a self-conscious laugh. "I weighed 145 pounds, maybe. But I guess I was pretty fast, If I hadn't been I would have gotten killed (on the football field)."

Whitlock, who says he was more of an instructional coach on the baseball field than an emotional one who hollered a lot, has become a motivational-type speaker.

"I talk to different groups here on campus, at other schools and also in plants and places like that," he said.

One thing Whitlock tries to do is get the most out of his life.

"It's not about money or titles you gain, it's about what you've done with the opportunities you have," he said. "Life is just a vapor. Before you know it, it's gone.

"I think it's important to use it to touch as many lives in a positive manner that you can," he said. "I live grateful for the blessing of opportunities to serve others well and to influence all of

Cont. Page 8.. See Whitlock

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF 4-8-98

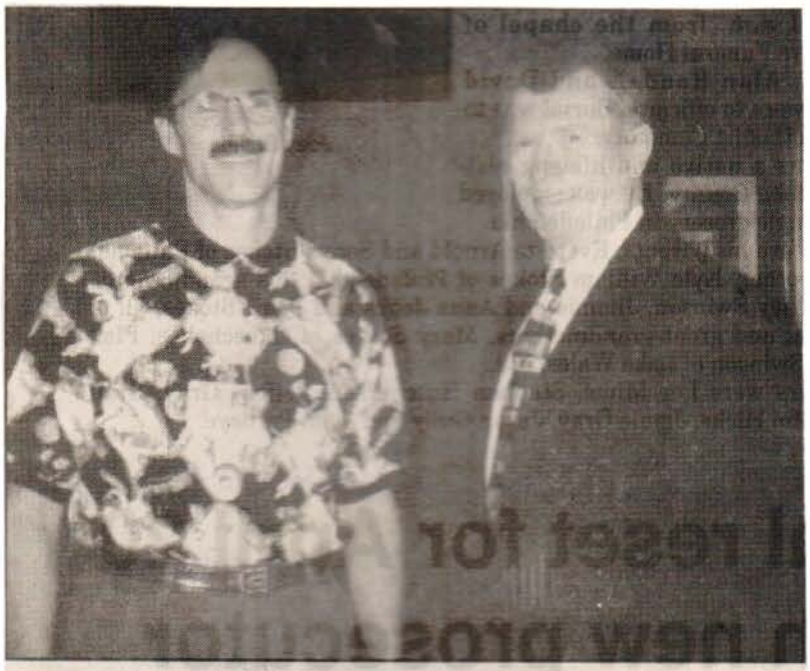
PLAN 'NEW DIRECTIONS' DAY - East Central Community College will held its first annual "Day of New Directions" scheduled from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, April 18, on the Decatur campus. prospective adult students are invited to attend the special program and receive information regarding career choices, course offerings, class registration and financial aid. Shown making plans for the day's activities are (seated) Gene Davis, Director of Adult and Continuing Education, and (standing from left) Adult Warrior Corps representatives Michelle Lee, president, of Decatur; Tim Mitchell, vice president, of Forest; and Rachel Givens, club member, of Meridian. The adult Warrior Corps is a recently organized group of nontraditional students who assist in recruiting other adult students to attend ECCC. For more information contact the Office of Adult and Continuing Education, ECCC, Decatur, Miss. 39327, exts. 278 or 279. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD X
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 11-4-8-98



Donates to ECCC

Neshoba County Hospital in Philadelphia recently made a $3,000 donation to East Central Community College in support of the College's nursing faculty. Hospital administrator Lonnie Graeber, left, earlier presented the check to college official Larry Hogue, right, who serves as director of development and alumni relations. (EC photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT X
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF April 1, 1998

ECCC Investors

DECATUR--Wilmer Whittle (left), Chairman of the Board/ CEO of Newton County Bank, is shown presenting a $5,000 check to East Central Community College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith for the College's "Investor's In Excellence" annual fund campaign, which supports the general needs of the college. Investors such as Newton County Bank have helped the College receive a matching grant from the Phil Hardin Foundation in Meridian.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER X
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER
CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF March 18 1998

Union Planters makes donation to ECCC

Ken Jones (center), president of the Decatur branch of Union Planters Bank, is shown presenting a check to East Central Community College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith (right), increasing the amount of the banking system's annual scholarship to the College. Union Planters has pledged $2500 over the next five years for five scholarships per year. The pledge qualifies the bank for membership in the "Twenty-First Club," the College's highest gift club level. In addition to the Decatur operation, other branch locations in Forest, Philadelphia, Union and Newton participate in funding the scholarship. Also pictured is Larry Hogue (left), ECCC Director of Development and Alumni Relations. For information regarding scholarship requirements contact the Dean of Students Office, East Central Community College, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext. 204.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES X
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF March 18, 1998

Bank of Forest makes donation to ECCC

The Bank of Forest recently established a scholarship for Scott County students to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. Gene Walker (center), Bank CEO, is shown presenting a check to fund the annual award to ECCC president Dr. Eddie M. Smith (right). Also pictured is Larry Hogue, ECCC Director of Development and Alumni Relations. Scholarship recipients receive $500 for the fall term and $500 for the spring semester of their freshman year. The bank's five-year pledge for the scholarship qualifies the institution for membership in the College's "Loyalty Club." For additional scholarship information contact the Dean of Students Office, East Central Community College, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext. 204.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES X
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF March 4, 1998

Alumni / Scholarships / Homecoming

Contribute to ECCC Project....The Decatur Telephone Company recently contributed $1000 to the "Investors in Excellence" annual fund at East Central Community College. Dr. Esther Bailey Smith (center), company vice president, is shown presenting the check to Dr. Eddie M. Smith (right), ECCC President, while Larry Hogue, ECCC Director of Development and Alumni Relations, looks on. Proceeds from the annual fund are used for general College needs. For more information contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, ECCC, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext. 323. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES X
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

2/25/98

"I had cancer surgery, and radiation treatments and chemotherapy," Key said. "The surgeon said he couldn't get it all." The prognosis was grim. Once again, Key turned to research he could trust--his own.

"What I found was that you could deal with cancer by building your immune system. There are products you can buy which will do that," Key said, and so he tried that means of dealing with the problem.

It worked. "The cancer was pushed into remission," he said. "My doctor said it couldn't be done."

Key is quick to point out that he is not a medical doctor, and so cannot legally prescribe anything for anyone. His only claim is that he personally used a particular regimen which provided excellent results in his case.

Again, word of mouth has been his only advertisement. When people call him to ask for help with cancer, he doesn't tell them what to do--he only tells them what worked for him.

His credibility is great enough that in June 1997, he was contacted by a nurse in Florida and invited to travel to Fort Lauderdale to address 500 medical doctors, nurses and other medical professionals. The offer included paying for his travel expenses and lodging.

Key made a tape of that address, and besides his books, he also markets the tape. There are doctors in the U.S. who are beginning to use some of the methods described on his tape, but general acceptance is slow. Medical doctors still are reluctant to accept methodologies not developed by medical doctors. "In my own training as a microbiologist, I was told this method of treating cancer was ridiculous--that you had to use toxic drugs," Key said.

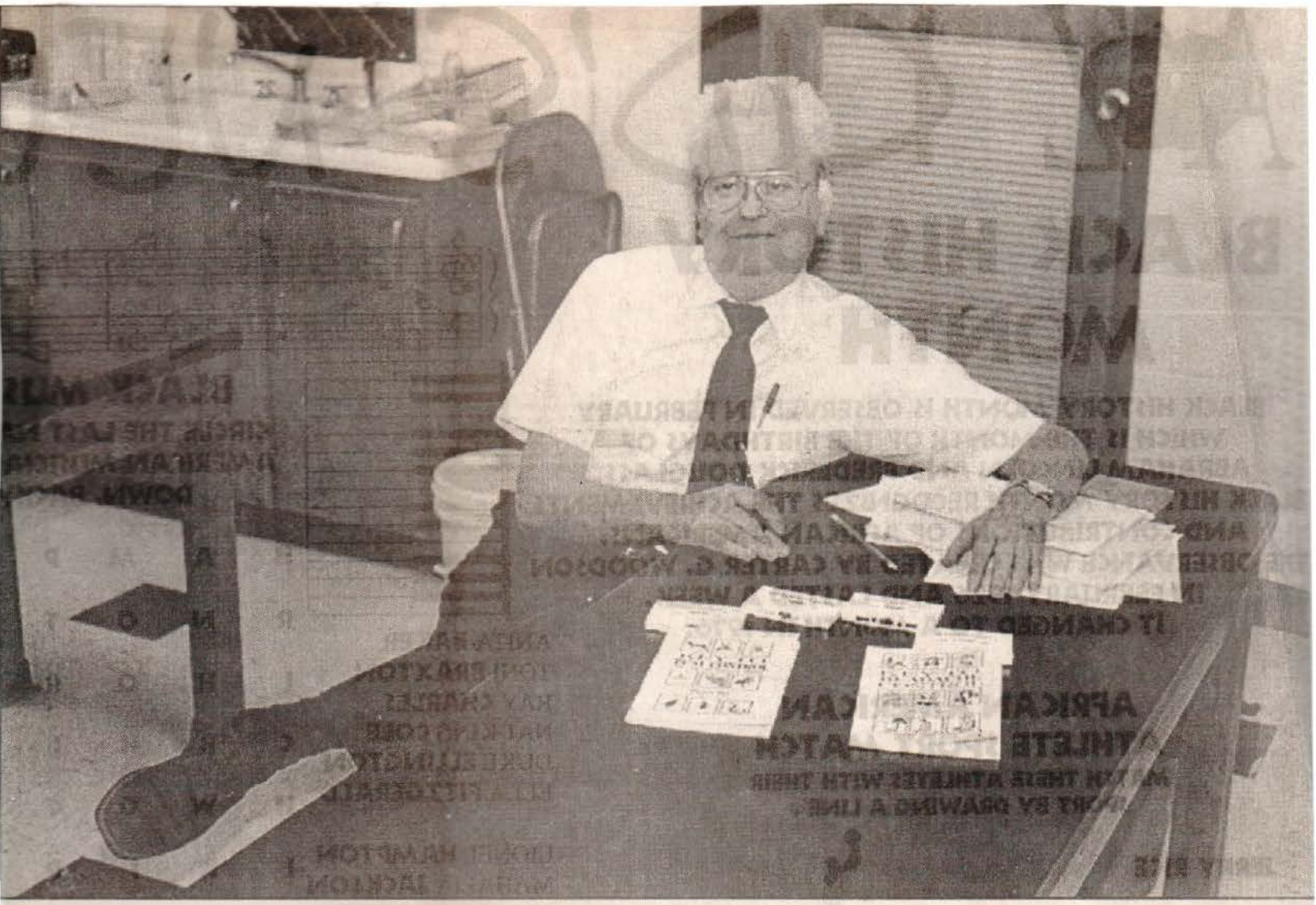
Key also is the first scientist in the U.S. to market an audiotape on the health benefits of shark liver oil. "Sharks don't get infections," Key said. "They don't get arthritis, diabetes or cancer, either. This oil is effective in helping humans in several ways. Shark oil has been used as far back as the Vikings."

He has tapes on non- medical subjects, too, such as the one titled "Fascinating Nature Illustrations in the Bible."

With two full-time jobs and occasional missionary work to keep him busy, Key has not had much time to devote to marketing efforts for his books and tapes, but he hopes to be able to fix that problem soon. His books are available in some stores in Decatur, and another possibility he is considering is a Website on the Internet.

However the marketing of his two current books is accomplished, the purpose will be to share information he has found helpful with others who may need it. And, perhaps, to make it possible for him to publish his third book--*"Key to Cancer Control"*.

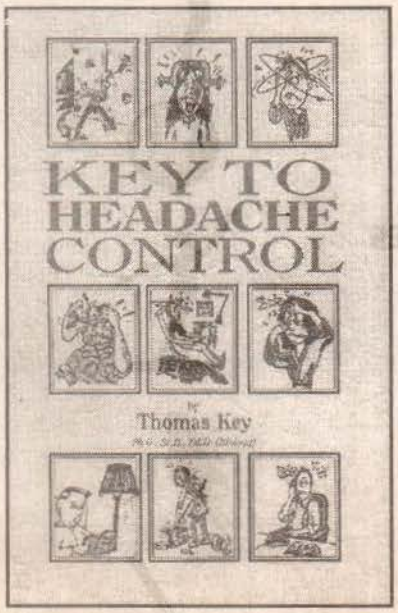
2/25/93



Above: Dr. Thomas Key, a science instructor at ECCC, takes a break from his busy schedule to sit for a minute and discuss the recent publication of his two books. At right: reproductions of the covers of his first two volumes.

pany to produce two books. He is now marketing the books himself--a somewhat difficult task, given the fact that he teaches sciences full-time at East Central Community College and also is a full-time pastor at a church in Neshoba County.

Besides all that--as if it weren't enough--he is working on a third book. This one, too, was inspired by personal experience.



Instructor, minister adds book author to his list of credits

WEEK OF Feb 25, 1998

Dr. Thomas Key is a scientist--a microbiologist, to be precise--and his decision to publish two books was made only after years of sharing the information now contained in those books with hundreds of people.

His inspiration for writing the books was the existence of puzzling "blind spots" in the scientific establishment, not to mention the fact that he had experienced the general subject matter of his books from both the professional and the personal point of view.

"I was a pest exterminator when I lived in Indiana, and I remained interested in extermination even after I left the profession," Key said. "I knew there were easy ways to get rid of flies, fleas, roaches, spiders, rats, mice and other pests, but I also knew these methods were not used by exterminators."

Neither were they taught in science courses, so Key began to collect ideas for control or elimination of insects and other pests. After earning a doctorate in microbiology, he began to use the information he had collected as lab activities for students.

"I used to make the list into a handout and called it a 'take home lab' project. I told the students to choose any five of the control methods and try them," Key said. "Pretty soon the kids' parents would call and tell me 'Hey, this really works!'"

Eventually he realized he was telling people piecemeal, at best, by familiarizing a few students with his methods, so he collected the information into a book he titled *Key to Pest Control*.

Key said he has tried almost all of the suggestions in his book, and the few he has not tried himself have been tested use of pollutants and toxic chemicals. I only suggest things which are not harmful to the environment," Key said.

Strangely--or not so strangely, depending on how you look at it--Key said the methods he suggests in his book are not taught in science courses nor are they used by exterminators.

Science has a "blind eye" for simple answers to pesky problems with pests. There are entire branches of science devoted to insects and the development of chemicals to control them, but science itself appears to have forgotten that sometimes there are simple, easy, non-toxic, non-polluting ways to handle pest infestations. And exterminators don't want to use economical, natural methods because the methods work too well and might end up exterminating the exterminators' jobs.

"When you start spraying for insects, you have to keep on spraying. It never stops," Key said. "Some of the methods in my book are so effective they would put some of the exterminators out of business."

Key's second book, *Key to Headache Control*, also grew out of a personal experience.

"Back in the 1960s, my wife suffered severe headaches. We went to numerous doctors, but all they ever did was give her a 'pill and a bill.' We spent a tremendous amount of money trying to relieve her headaches," Key said.

After trying doctor after doctor, and treatment after treatment, Key said he became more and more interested in the problem and started reading every book on the subject he could find. He even enrolled in university science courses to find out more.

As his familiarity with the problem grew, he realized the best which did nothing to prevent recurrence.

Key began compiling information he had gleaned from dozens of sources. The more he learned, and the more information he collected, the more he could help others. When students in his classes obviously had headaches, he would tell them what to do to get rid of the problem.

Often, his suggestions worked.

His methods were passed on, primarily by word of mouth, until people were calling him and asking for help. "One neurologist in Jackson called me and said the things I suggest were never taught to him in medical school," Key said. "He has started using some of them with his patients."

In 1997, Dr. Key gathered to-

WEEK OF Feb 25 1998

East Central Community College is ready for the future

East Central Community College is on the move! With the fall 1997 semester, the 2000-plus students attending ECCC saw the addition of four new labs on campus. They include Science and Technology, the Learning Skills Center, a computer graphics lab, and a ceramics lab.

The Science and Technology laboratory, located on the College's South Campus, has 12 modules which students complete throughout the year. Areas include Biotechnology, Laser and Fiber Optics, Introduction to Physics, Multimedia, Introduction to Automation, Computer Assembly, Electronics and Telecommunications. The three hour credit course includes lecture as well as laboratory instruction.

Also introduced to students during the fall semester is the Learning Skills Center. Located in Newton Hall, the LSC provides tutorial services for students using computer software and the Peer Tutorial Club, a group of students who offer help in various courses.

"The Learning Skills Center offers tutorial help mainly in math, English and reading but we also provide instruction in biology, history, sociology, and other courses," said Mary Hanson, director. Whatever difficulties one is having, they will try to find help for students who are struggling with their work.

Hanson also said the computer software available in the lab could help prepare students for standardized tests such as the ACT (American College Test), SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) and GED (General Education Development).

"The lab is complete with 15 computer workstations. They also have extensive reporting capabilities for students, teachers and research purposes that will show how many students have worked in the lab and what they've accomplished.

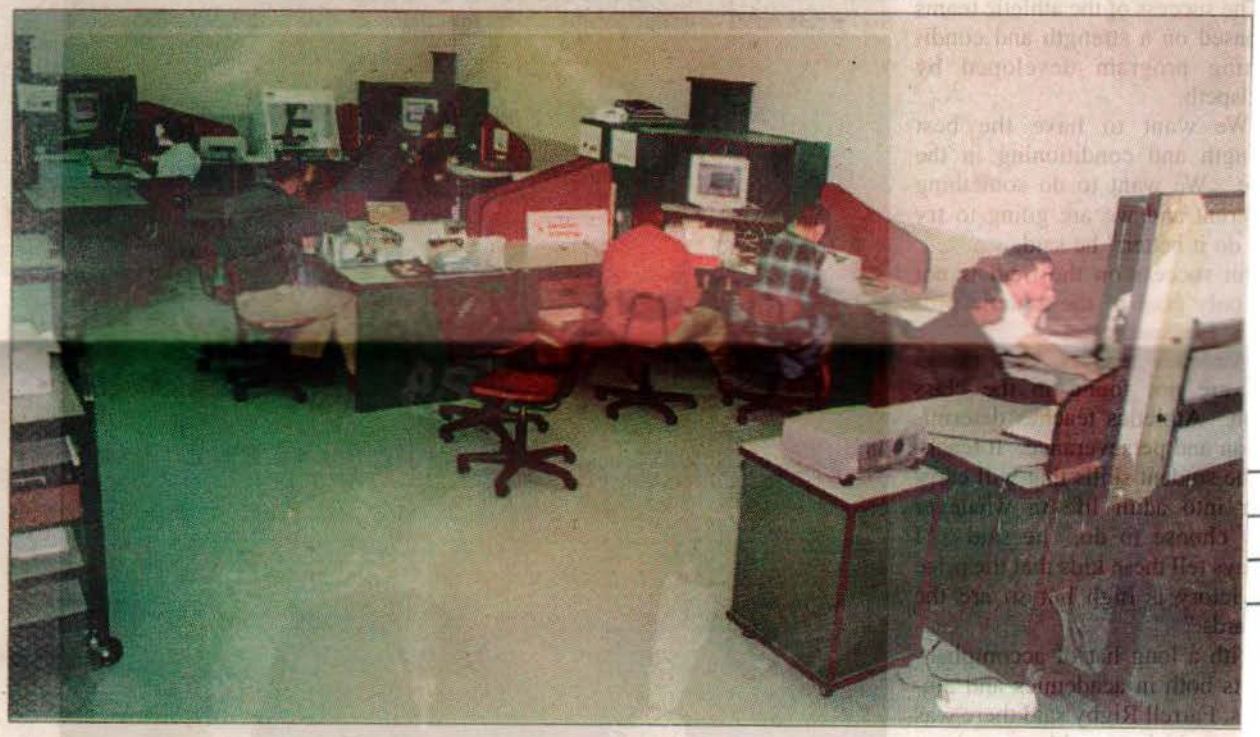
The latest addition in the Art Department is a new computer graphics lab located in the Vickers Fine Arts Center. This lab features the most modern Macintosh computers, along with printers and scanners.

Advertising Design I, a new course designed to go along with this lab, has been added to the curriculum. Todd Eldridge, instructor, said "This allows students to learn the latest techniques in advertising design using industry standard equipment and software."

"This is a great advantage for students who are preparing for a career in an art related industry such as graphic design or web publishing," Eldridge added.

Also located on the College's South Campus is a new and improved ceramics lab. "This new facility boasts a larger area with multiple work stations for students to create, store and fire ceramic wares," said Bruce Guraedy, Chairman of the Fine Arts Division and art instructor.

The new ceramics facility is also much safer and is able to accommodate future equipment purchases for the purpose of teaching the art of "throwing on a wheel."



These East Central Community College students use the science and

APPEARE
LAKE ME
SCOTT C
UNION A
WINSTON
CLARION

2/25/98

East Central makes changes in curriculum

East Central Community College is on the move! With the fall 1997 semester, the 2000-plus students attending ECCC saw the addition of four new labs on campus. They include Science and Technology, the Learning Skills Center, a computer graphics lab, and a ceramics lab.

The Science and Technology laboratory, located on the College's South Campus, has 12 modules which students complete throughout the year. Areas include Biotechnology, Laser and Fiber Obtics, Introduction to Physics, Multimedia, introduction to Automation, computer Assembly, Electronics and Telecommunications. The three hour credit course includes lecture as well as laboratory instruction.

Also introduced to students during the fall semester is the Learning Skills Center. Located in Newton Hall, the LSC provides tutorial services for students using computer software and the Peer Tutorial Club, a group of students who offer help in various courses.

"The Learning Skills Center offers tutorial help mainly in math,, English and reading but we also provide instruction in biology, history, sociology, and other courses," said Mary Hanson, director. Whatever difficulties one is having, they will try to find help for students who are struggling with their work.

Hanson also said the computer software available inthe lab could help prepare students for standardized tests such as the ACT(American College Test), SAT(Scholastic Aptitude Test) and GED(General Education Development).

"The lab is complete with 15 computer workstations. They also have extensive reporting capabilities for students, teachers and research purposes that will show how many students have worked in the lab and what they've accomplished.

The latest addition in the Art Department is a new computer graphics lab located inthe Vickers Fine Arts Center. This lab features the most modern Macintosh computers, along with printers and scanners.

Advertising Design I, a new course designed to go along with this lab, has been added to the curriculum. Todd Eldridge, instructor, said, "This allows students to learn the latest techniques in advertising design using industry standard equipment and software."

"This is a great advantage for students who are preparing for a career in an art related industry such as graphic design or web publishing," Eldridge added.

Also located on the College's South Campus is a new and improved ceramics lab. "This new facility boasts a larger area with multiple work stations for students to create, store and fire ceramic wares," said Bruce Guraedy, Chairman of the Fine Arts Division and art instructor.

The new ceramics facility is also much safer and is able to accommodate future equipment purchases for the purpose of teaching the art of "throwing on a wheel."

COMPUTER GRAPHICS LAB - The new Computer Graphics Lab located inteh Vickers Fine Arts Center at East Central Community College allows students to learn the latest techniques in advertising design. (EC photo)

WEEK OF Feb 25, 1998

EC unveils four new labs during fall term

Several changes appeared inteh East Central Community College curriculum for the 1997-98 term.

A new course of study - Science and Technology - is available for students whose interests include problem-solving and career opportunities involving various areas of modern technology. Students have their choice of 12 modules to complete throughout the course. Areas include an overview of science and technology, applied concepts of modern technology, microcomputer assembly, operating systems and programming, introduction to automation, electrical and electronic systems, multimedia communication, biotechnology, applied physics, photonics and fiber optics, telecommunications and advance computer applications.

Open to all academic and technology students, the three-hour credit course includes lecture and lab instruction. The Science and Technology lab is located on the College' South Campus.

Also new to the ECCC curriculum is Advertising Design I, which has been added for art majors. A computer graphics lab - featuring the most modern Macintosh computers along with printers and scanners - is now available in the art department and allows students to be exposed to the latest techniques in advertising design using industry standard equipment and software. The lab is located inteh Vickers Fine Arts Center.

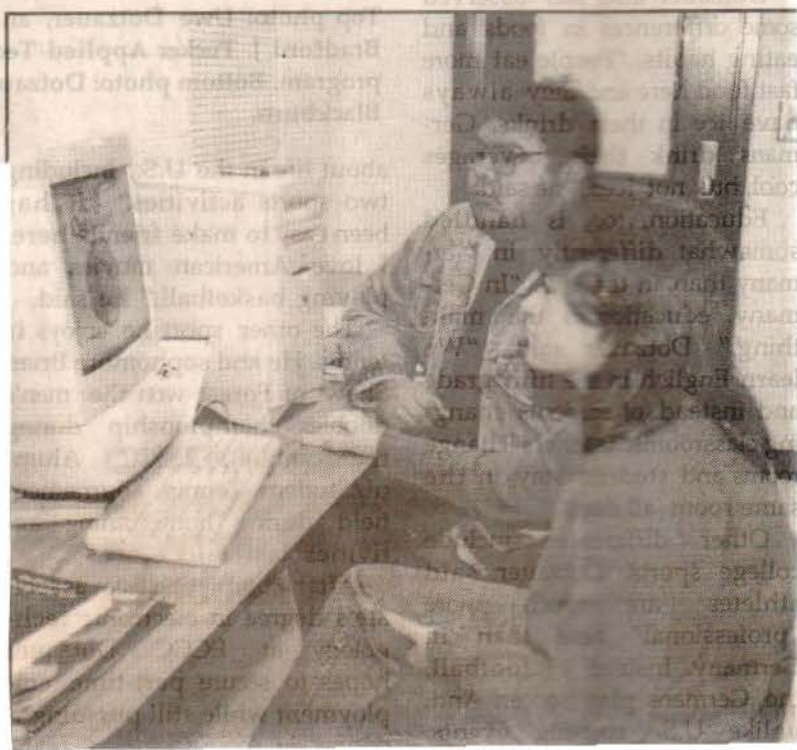
Another course addition is Recital Class, designed to provide music majors more opportunities for performance. The one-hour credit class also enables students to gain confidence and competence by performing on a weekly basis. The new offering encourages a variety of instrumental, vocal and keyboard endeavors.

In addition to changes inthe course curriculum, East Central added a new Learning Skills Center to further assist students with their studies. Located on the second floor of Newton Hall, the center includes 15 computer stations where assistance is available on a variety of subject areas. Full-time staff members and student volunteers serve as tutors.

for more information regarding course offerings contact the Office of Admissions, Records and Research, East Central Community College, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext. 206.

STUDENTS WORK - East Central Community College students work on different modules in the new Science and Technology lab located on the College's south Campus. (EC Photo)

NEW LEARNING SKILLS LAB - The new Learning Skills Lab at East Central Community College assists students with coursework ranging from English to Calculus. (EC Photo)



APPEARED IN:
LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

WEEK OF Feb 25, 1998

EVERETTS DONATE TO ECCC PROJECT - Thanks to a major donation by the James B. Everett family, funding for the "Welcome Home Project" is nearing completion at East Central Community College in Decatur. The over $40,000 project involves the re-creation of an archway that greeted campus visitors for almost three decades, from 1951 too the late 1970's. The structure to be built at the campus entrance will include an electronic marquee that will continuously announce campus events. Engraved plaques and bricks listing contributors are part of the project. Shown displaying a design of the archway are (seated from left) Bobby Everett and his wife, Jessie Mae Everett of Decatur, and College officials (standing from left) Larry Hogue, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, and Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECCC President. Additional Everett family members contributing to the project are Dr. and Mrs. Keith Everett, and Andy and Lisa (Everett) Lucovich, all of Meridian. All members of the Everett family are ECCC alumni. (EC photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD___X___
MERIDIAN STAR_____

Buildings/Programs

WEEK OF Feb. 11, 1998

ECCC TO OFFER COMPUTER WORKSHOP OVER INTERNET

Area residents will soon be able to "attend" a variety of computer workshops without having to leaving home, thanks to a partnership between East Central Community College and the "Education To Go" program. Based in California, the Education To Go program provides online classes to participating educational institutions who in turn make the courses available to the public.

The College's Office of Adult and Continuing Education is now taking reservations for various workshop offerings, which include Intro to the Internet, Creating Web Pages and other topics. The self-paced noncredit classes, priced at $35 each, are designed to assist those who need to upgrade their job skills but find it inconvenient or impossible to participate in a traditional classroom setting.

According to Gene Davis, director of Adult and Continuing Education, students in each six-week class receive their lessons and assignments over the Internet via-e-mail. In most cases, Davis said students will also be able to access interactive demonstrations and bulletin boards posted on the World Wide Web.

"All class materials are designed to download quickly so as not to tie the student's time or telephone line. Once received, most assignments can be completed offline. Students can turn in completed assignments and ask unlimited questions of their instructor by return e-mail," Davis added.

The first workshop scheduled to be offered through the College is Intro to PC Troubleshooting which begins February 11, 1998. A prerequisite for the course is Win 3.1, Win 95.

Additional workshop courses schedules include Intro to QuickBooks (February 18), Creating Web Graphics (February 25), Java Programming (March 4), Microsoft Excel (March 11), Advanced Web pages (March 18), Quicken for Windows (March 25), Intro to the Internet (April 1), Creating Web Pages (April 22), Windows File and Disk Management (April 29), Word Tips and Tricks (May 6), Microsoft FrontPage (May 13) and Microsoft Access (May 20).

For more information contact the Office of Adult and Continuing Education, East Central Community College, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext. 279.

ECCC
WITH YOU IN MIND

APPEARED IN:
LAKE MESSENGER X
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER
CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

Faculty | Administration

WEEK OF Jan 21, 1998

ECCC instructor named Director/Trainer of Year

An East Central Community College instructor has received a state-level award. Ronald B. Westbreook, director of the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at East Central, was recently named "Director/Trainer of the Year" by the Mississippi Small Business Development Center Network.

According to Ralph Byars, state SBDC director, Westbrook received the annual award "because of the volume, quality and impact of seminars and workshops he provided to the community in 1997."

Byars said Westbrook has "mastered the art of providing both a comprehensive training program for the business community and balancing that training program with necessary counseling sessions."

In his acceptance of the award, Westbrook said, "We try to hit on topics that have the most appeal to the people of our district. We are mainly a rural area, and we concentrate on teaching business people how to keep our retail dollars in our community."

There are 21 Small Business Development Centers throughout the state whose main purpose is to provide free counseling and training to people in business or for those thinking about going into business.

For additional information

See ECCC on page 3B

Ronald B. Westbrook, left, director of the Small Business Development Center at ECCC, was recently named Director/Trainer of the Year . He is shown with ECCC president Dr. Eddie M. Smith.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD____X____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 1-12-98

Board/Officials

ECCC board officers

Selected to serve a second two-year term as officers of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees, from left, Jerry Nance, secretary, of Louisville; Billy Nicholson, vice chairman, of Union; and Prentice Copeland, chairman, of Philadelphia. The officers were elected at the Board's December meeting held on the Decatur campus. (EC photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ✓
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 1-12-98

Special ECCC guests

Among those attending the recent East Central Community College District Workforce Development Council meeting held on the Decatur campus included, from left, area legislators Johnny Stringer of Bay Springs, Raymond Comans of Decatur and V. C. Manning of Philadelphia, who are shown with Ed Schneider, program specialist for the State Workforce Development Council; Lester Dalme of Philadelphia, president/CEO of Chahta Enterprises who serves as District Council Executive Council member; and Earl Marshall, ECCC team leader for the College's Skill/Tech One-Stop Career Center. Topics presented at the quarterly meeting included various reports by Career Center staff members followed by representatives of area industries and businesses who stressed the importance of workforce training provided by ECCC personnel For more information regarding training and other services available through the College's Skill/Tech Career Center call 635-2111, ext. 299. (EC photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ✓
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 1/12/98

First Lady backs ECCC beautification

By **Jimmy Andrews**
The Meridian Star

DECATUR — East Central Community College's Decatur campus is about to become more attractive.

In connection with Pat Fordice's statewide beautification and clean-up project, ECCC will follow the First Lady's plan to plant yellow wild flowers around the campus. Fordice was on hand at a luncheon at ECCC on Friday to discuss details of the project.

"Company is coming to Mississippi in 1998," Fordice told ECCC staff members. "We need the college's help to make this a memorable occasion."

Fordice said the "Palaces of St. Petersburg" exhibit in Jackson in 1996 was the first step in an effort to showcase Mississippi as an international art center. A second step in that effort is the display of royal treasures from the reigns of French kings Louis XIV through Louis XVI in the "Splendors of Versailles" exhibit coming to Jackson in April.

"We want highways, college campuses, businesses, and front yards to be decorated with beautiful yellow wildflowers and bedding plants," Fordice explained. "We chose yellow for the 'Sun King' Louis XV, and the Department of Transportation agreed to plant wildflowers at 17 entrances into the state. They've already planted 50 acres in seeds throughout the Newton District, along the route of the Welcoming Center on I-20 and near the Meridian Airport."

Also on hand at ECCC were brother and sister alumni Rev. Jane Todd Gurry and Dr. Joseph Todd. Both grew up near the ECCC campus and have gone on to promote environmental issues.

"We wondered if there was a way to begin a project to bring trees back," said Gurry. "I am glad to see ECCC is doing that, which fits right into Mrs. Fordice's plan. The long term effect of "Splendors of Versailles" is that the wildflowers will come back again and again."

"My dad believed everybody should be a farmer," Todd told the luncheon gathering. "Things are entirely different now from what they were then. Erosion has been turned around because there used to be nothing but red clay across the hills."

Fordice said the "Palaces of St. Petersburg" exhibit was rated as the number one event in the state in 1996, and she expects"Splendors of Versailles" to top that.

"We had 554,000 visitors at the exhibit," she said. "We know that those visitors did not just stay in the Jackson area, they traveled around

See **ECCC,** Page 6A

ECCC

Continued from page 1A

the state. We want them to come into Mississippi this spring and say, 'Wow!' So we are asking everyone to plant yellow blooms everywhere."

Fordice concluded her remarks by noting the amount of litter strewn throughout the state, saying, "I don't know where we've gone wrong on littering, but if our children aren't going to get it at home, then we have to give it to them in school. We have to work on our litter problem."

The "Splendors of Versailles" exhibit will run from April 1-August 31.

George Clark/The Meridian Star

ECCC VISIT – Mississippi First Lady Pat Fordice is welcomed to the ECCC campus by college President Dr. Eddie Smith, right, and Larry Hogue, director of development and alumni relations.

APPEARED IN:
LAKE MESSENGE
SCOTT COUNTY T
UNION APPEAL ___
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL ___
CLARION-LEDGER ___
MERIDIAN STAR ___

Faculty | Administration

WEEK OF 7-6-98

VICKERS HONORED

Carol Vickers of Decatur was named ABE/GED Teacher of the Year/ Southern Region at the annual Mississippi Association of Adult and Community Education (MAACE) Conference recently held in Vicksburg. Mrs. Vickers is shown receiving the award from MAACE President William Ward of Northwest Mississippi Community College. Also pictured are Dr. Olon Ray (left), executive director, State Board of Community and Junior Colleges; and Gene Davis, ECCC Director of Adult and Continuing Education and past- president of MAACE. Mrs. Vickers has served as an Adult Basic Education instructor at East Central since 1987. She was previously employed at the College as an English instructor and yearbook sponsor.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER ✓
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER
CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

Board/Officials

WEEK OF 7-13-98

ECCC FOUNDATION SECURES GRANT MONIES - A $25,000 grant from the Phil Hardin Foundation of Meridian has been secured for East Central Community College in Decatur following an announcement by the ECCC Foundation Board of Directors that $50,000 has been raised in private monies for the 1997-98 fiscal period, as required for each year fo the three-year Hardin grant period. The Hardin award is a one-for-two matching grant that will provide up to $25,000 per year to fund a Faculty Excellence Endowment. Earnings from the endowment will be used to fund advancement enrichment experiences for faculty and other professional personnel. Foundation Board members recently met on the Decatur campus to discuss the Hardin grant and other items of business. Pictured are (seated from left) George Taylor of Forest, Ann Burkes, ECCC head librarian; Prentice Copeland of Philadelphia, ECCC Board of Trustee Chairman; David Howell of Carthage, Foundation Board Chairman; Dr. Pam Kirk of Louisville and (standing from left) ECCC officials Larry Hogue, director of development and alumni relations, Harvey Trapp, business manager and Dr. Eddie M. Smith, president; Jimmy Prince of Philadelphia and Dr. John Gipson of Newton. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 7-26-98

East Central Community College to offer EMT courses

East Central Community College will offer an EMT (Emergency Medical Training) class in each of the College's five district counties for the 1998 fall semester. A minimum enrollment of 12 students is required for each class.

Students interested in taking the course must meet the following prerequisites, as established from the Guidelines and Minimum Standards of the Miss. State Department of Health and State Department of Education: (1) be at least 18 years of age, (2) able to read and write, (3) high school graduate or GED equivalent, (4) minimum score of 10 on the TABE reading test or 16 on the ACT taken after October, 1998, or score of 12 if taken before October, 1989, (5) valid CPR certification (course C), (6) physically fit per physical examination by physician and, (7) have Hepatitis B vaccination starter prior to clinical or ambulance run portion of the class.

The TABE test will be administered on the ECCC campus in Decatur beginning at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, July 28 and at the same time on Tuesday, August 4, 1998. Testing will be in Room 48 on the Associate Degree Nursing/Child Care Building. Students will not be admitted after testing has begun.

For more information contact Joe Renaud, Skill/Tech One-Stop Career Center, East Central Community College, Decatur, Miss. 39327, or call toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext.295.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER ✓
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

College Visitors/Events/News

WEEK OF July 27, 1998

SPECIAL GUESTS AT ECCC MEETING - Special guests at a recent meeting of the East Central Community College District Workforce Council included (second from left) Ed Schneider, Program specialist with the State Workforce Council, and Lynda Owen, representing the Mississippi Department of Economic and Community development, who are shown with Rodis Shealy of Louisville, District Workforce Council Chariman and Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECCC president.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

Buildings/Programs

WEEK OF 7-27-98

DONATES TO ECCC FITNESS TRAIL - La-Z-Boy South in Newton recently contributed $5000 to help build a fitness trail currently under construction at East Central Community College in Decatur. Shown during the check presentation are Earl Bryan (left), company vice president/general manager, and Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECCC president. Estimated to cost $50,000, the 1/2 mile trail is located on the north end of the campus between the College pond and softball field. Plans call for the trail to be lighted, paved and handicapped accessible. Twenty exercise stations will also be placed along the path. East Central is also eligible for a $20,000 matching grant for the project from the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks and the Federal Highway Administration. To make a contribution or for more information contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, 635-2111, ext . 323 (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

Retirees love civic work almost as much as Fair

OF 8-3-98

By HANK HARMS
Fair Times reporter

If you happened to pass by cabin 334D during last year's Fair you saw the banner from the Palaces of St. Petersburg exhibit that hung from the porch.

The banner was brought to the Vickers/Farrish/Smith cabin by Ovid and Carol Vickers who volunteered for the Palaces of St. Petersburg exhibit which was open in Jackson from March through August of 1996. The golden image on the deep wine colored banner was a griffin, the symbol of the Russian royal family.

"We are both retired and do a lot of volunteer work because we've always been busy. Just because one retires is no reason to go home and shut the door and cease to be involved in civic, political and cultural affairs," Ovid Vickers said.

The exhibit contained furniture, statuary, silverware and other objects that had belonged to Czar Nicholas the II.

When it was announced that this year the Mississippi Arts Pavilion in Jackson would host The Splendors of Versailles exhibit, the Vickerses volunteered once again.

"This year we will display a banner which is a large sunburst surrounding a face against a black background — the official banner for the French exhibit," Vickers said.

The face surrounded by the sunburst which Vickers described is the symbol for France's Sun King, Louis the XIV. This year's exhibit of objects from the Palace of Versailles, which for several hundred years was the royal residence of the French kings, displays such items as royal portraits, huge tapestries, silver serving pieces, clocks, and furniture. A larger-than-life statue of Louis XIV mounted on a horse is on display and will remain in Jackson after the exhibit closes.

Vickers said a comparison might be made between the Neshoba County Fair and one aspect of Versailles, which is located 14 miles outside Paris.

"The Neshoba County Fair began as a place for farmers to gather and exhibit their produce and livestock. Marie Antoinette was interested, although she was a Queen who enjoyed all the luxuries of royalty, in rural or country things. So she had a country village constructed on the grounds of Versailles where she could go feed the chickens and watch the

See **Vickers**, page 15

cows being milked. Ironic as it seems there is a parallel between the Neshoba County Fair and the palace of Versailles," Vickers said.

Because of their teaching background, the Vickerses see many people each year at the fair that they have worked with or taught in the past.

Vickers sees this as an opportunity to explain the significance of the Versailles banner. He believes the exhibits are an important part of Mississippi's cultural growth.

"We're proud of what Mississippi is doing with these exhibits to promote international friendship, cultural exchange, and interest in the arts. Therefore, we decided it would be appropriate to hang the official flag of the Splendors of Versailles exhibit from the porch of our Fair cabin," Vickers said.

"We are both history buffs and therefore we are interested in the exhibit and we have both toured France and visited Versailles on several occasions," Vickers said.

Vickers said that although he has seen Versailles first hand, the Neshoba County Fair offers as much entertainment as foreign lands. Vickers came to Mississippi in 1955 and began teaching at East Central Community College in Decatur. Soon after his arrival he was introduced to the fair by his students.

"I have been a fair enthusiast ever since," Vickers said.

The Splendors of Versailles exhibit opened in April and will run through August 31.

AP
LA
SO
UN
W
CI

HAGINIAN_____
OBA DEMOCRAT_____
ON RECORD_____
IAN STAR_____

Retirees love civic work almost as much as Fair

OF 8-3-98

By HANK HARMS
Fair Times reporter

If you happened to pass by cabin 334D during last year's Fair you saw the banner from the Palaces of St. Petersburg exhibit that hung from the porch.

The banner was brought to the Vickers/Farrish/Smith cabin by Ovid and Carol Vickers who volunteered for the Palaces of St. Petersburg exhibit which was open in Jackson from March through August of 1996. The golden image on the deep wine colored banner was a griffin, the symbol of the Russian royal family.

"We are both retired and do a lot of volunteer work because we've always been busy. Just because one retires is no reason to go home and shut the door and cease to be involved in civic, political and cultural affairs," Ovid Vickers said.

The exhibit contained furniture, statuary, silverware and other objects that had belonged to Czar Nicholas the II.

When it was announced that this year the Mississippi Arts Pavilion in Jackson would host The Splendors of Versailles exhibit, the Vickerses volunteered once again.

"This year we will display a banner which is a large sunburst surrounding a face against a black background — the official banner for the French exhibit," Vickers said.

The face surrounded by the sunburst which Vickers described is the symbol for France's Sun King, Louis the XIV. This year's exhibit of objects from the Palace of Versailles, which for several hundred years was the royal residence of the French kings, displays such items as royal portraits, huge tapestries, silver serving pieces, clocks, and furniture. A larger-than-life statue of Louis XIV mounted on a horse is on display and will remain in Jackson after the exhibit closes.

Vickers said a comparison might be made between the Neshoba County Fair and one aspect of Versailles, which is located 14 miles outside Paris.

"The Neshoba County Fair began as a place for farmers to gather and exhibit their produce and livestock. Marie Antoinette was interested, although she was a Queen who enjoyed all the luxuries of royalty, in rural or country things. So she had a country village constructed on the grounds of Versailles where she could go feed the chickens and watch the

See **Vickers**, page 15

cows being milked. Ironic as it seem there is a parallel between th Neshoba County Fair and the palac of Versailles," Vickers said.

Because of their teaching back ground, the Vickerses see many pe ple each year at the fair that the have worked with or taught in th past.

Vickers sees this as an opportunit to explain the significance of th Versailles banner. He believes th exhibits are an important part Mississippi's cultural growth.

"We're proud of what Mississippi doing with these exhibits to promot international friendship, cultura exchange, and interest in the art Therefore, we decided it would b appropriate to hang the official flag the Splendors of Versailles exhib from the porch of our Fair cabin, Vickers said.

"We are both history buffs an therefore we are interested in th exhibit and we have both toure France and visited Versailles on sev eral occasions," Vickers said.

Vickers said that although he ha seen Versailles first hand, th Neshoba County Fair offers as muc entertainment as foreign land Vickers came to Mississippi in 195 and began teaching at East Centr Community College in Decatur. S after his arrival he was introduced the fair by his students.

"I have been a fair enthusiast e since," Vickers said.

The Splendors of Versailles exh opened in April and will run thro August 31.

AP
LA
SO
UN
W
CL

HAGINIAN
OBA DEMOCRAT
ON RECORD
IAN STAR

Alumni / Scholarships / Homecoming

WEEK OF 8-10-97

ECCC Alumni Association Board

Plan ECCC homecoming

Plans for this year's homecoming celebration were among items discussed by the East Central Community College Alumni Association Board which recently met on the Decatur campus.

The 198 observance is scheduled Saturday, Oct. 10.

Board members include Steve Quinn of Louisville, Winston County representative; Laura Ming of Louisville, ECCC student body president for 1998-99; Sandra Amis of Conehatte, Alumni Association president; Kay Lucas of Newton, past president; Ann Burkes ECCC head librarian and homecoming co-chairperson; and (standing) Larry Hogue, ECCC director of development and alumni relations; James Vance of Meridian, out-of-district representative; Chris Collins of Union, Newton County representative; Dick Livingston of Pulaski, Scott County representative; and ECCC officials Dr. Eddie M. Smith, president, and Dr. Phil Sutphin, dean of instruction.

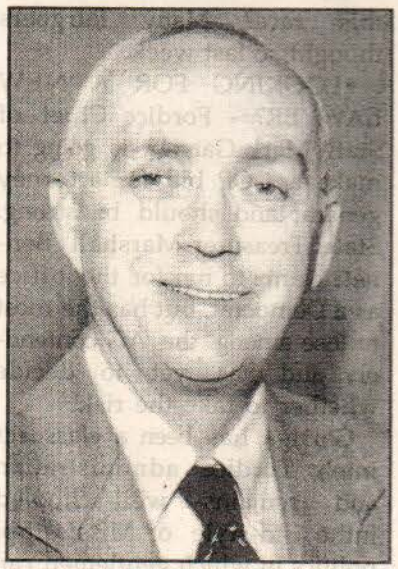
APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL ✓
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 8-10-98

Purvis Joins ECCC Staff



R. T. Purvis

R. T. Purvis, Jr., of Newton was recently named to the new position of Information Technology Technical Specialist at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president.

Purvis, who began his duties in July, previously served as a correctional field officer with the Mississippi Department of Corrections. He is also a former co-owner of CBH Microsystems of Newton.

A graduate of Newton High School, Purvis holds an associate of arts degree from East Central Junior College and a bachelor's degree in social work from Mississippi State University, Meridian branch. He also attended the University of Southern Mississippi. He is currently seeking a bachelor's degree in business information systems at MSU-Meridian.

He is married to the former Betty Hollingsworth who is employed as secretary for the Department of Human Services, Area IV. They have a son, Matthew Lee Purvis, a tenth grader at Newton County Academy.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 8-17-98

ECCC TRUSTEES HONORED - Plaques of appreciation were recently presented to East Central Community College Board of Trustees members A. F. Hollingsworth (left) of Lake and Prentice Copeland (center) of Philadelphia in recognition of their many years of service to the college. Each has served 30 years on the board. Copeland currently serves as Board Chairman and Hollingsworth is a former Board Chairman. The trustees were recognized at the annual Mississippi Community and Junior College Trustees Association Conference held earlier in Biloxi. At right is Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECCC president. (Photo courtesy Miss. Gulf Coast Community College.)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 8-17-92

East Central CC establishes rodeo team program

Rodeo competition has been added to the list of activities available for East Central Community College students, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president. The establishment of a rodeo team was approved by the ECCC Board of Trustees at its August 11 meeting.

In recommending the College establish a rodeo program, Dean of Students Randall E. Lee said the ECCC district (Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties) has many active rodeo participants and added his office "Has had numerous inquires in past years from students who indicated they would attend East Central" if such an activity was offered. Lee said the only Mississippi community college with a rodeo team is Northwest Mississippi Community College, located in Senatobia, and the closest university to offer the program is the University of West Alabama.

"We believe that East Central and UWA can work together with the recruiting of and transfer of students who participate in rodeo events," Lee said.

He added support already received from the community and surrounding areas should insure the program's success.

"Several individuals have pledged their support for the operation of a rodeo program through a committee that will provide financial assistance to the rodeo team. All funds generated by the rodeo committee will be contributed to the college," Lee said.

He added Jerry Griffin of the Hero Community has agreed to allow the use of his ranch, stock and arena for little or no fee.The rodeo team will consist of several members who compete individually as members of the ECCC team.

" Rodeo competitions are actually individual competitions," Lee explained. "Therefore, different rodeo team members may attend and compete at each rodeo competition. The same individuals are not required to attend every rodeo competition. Total points earned by each member are tallied to reflect a team total for the given competition."

East Central will compete in the Ozark Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. Students who participate on the ECCC Rodeo team will be required to provide their own rodeo card, rodeo entry fees, transportation to rodeos, hotel provisions, boarding and feeding of animals and a $50 participation fee per semester.

The Rodeo team will be sponsored by area businesses, veterinarians, stockyards, cattleman's associations, Co-ops, feed stores and local riding clubs. An organizational meeting to further discuss the new ECCC program is scheduled at 6 p.m. Wednesday, August 19 in Newton Hall, Room 60, on the Decatur campus. Parent and students are urged to attend the meeting. Planning committee members include Cully Hudspeth of Louisville, Lynn Strickland and Sam Bounds, both of Newton; Stan Palmer of Pelahatchie and Jerry Griffin of Hero.

The first fund-raiser for the new program is an Open Rodeo scheduled at the Griffin Arena August 27-28, beginning at 7:30 p.m. each evening. Competition includes bareback, saddle bronc, girl's break-away, calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping, and bull riding, each with a $40 entrance fee and girl's barrel racing and girl's goat tying, for $25 per event. Call-in day is August 24, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Admission is $5 for adults and $3 for students. For more information call Jerry Griffin, 601-727-4598 or 727-4595.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER _____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL _____
CLARION-LEDGER _____

CARTHAGINIAN _____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT _____
NEWTON RECORD _____
MERIDIAN STAR _____

w DOT sign identifies lopted' road segments

Mississippi Department
sportation has unveiled
highway sign with a
message that transcends
ines: Adopt-A-Highway
ca.

ing a news conference in
n, Central District Trans-
on Commissioner Wayne
said the red, white and
ign will be erected along
maintained highways to
fy right of way sections
ed through MDOT's
-A-Highway Program.

Shelby Harris and Ann
s attended the unveiling
resent the first group to
a highway section in the
nty Newton District.
and Burkes, advisers
East Central Community
e in Decatur, represented
Xi Chapter of Phi Theta
, the international honor
for two-year colleges.
ction adopted by Theta
989 is on Highway 15 in
n County between New-
d Decatur.

e design of the sign was
ped to salute the proud
of Americans and the
m's 10th year in Missis-

sippi. An accompanying sign will identify the adopting organization, commercial or private enterprise and will hang directly below the Adopt-A-Highway America sign," Burkes said.

It is hoped the new sign will appeal to the "patriotic, want-to-protect-our-America side of people," Burkes said. The design change was announced earlier in the year to coincide with Independence Day.

"We celebrate the Fourth of July because we have the freedom to do so. Littering can be considered a byproduct of that freedom, even though doing so constitutes a violation of state and federal law," Burkes said.

Litter will cease to be a problem when highway users care enough about America not to litter, when law enforcement officers issue more citations to litter-law violators and when judges find violators guilty and fine them an amount commensurate with the amount of damage done to the environment by litter, the commissioner added.

"Mississippi taxpayers are

See SIGNS on page 7A

Shown with one of the new Adopt-A-Highway America signs are members of the Theta Xi Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society at ECCC. From left: Tiffany Edwards of Forest, Adria Stamper and Christy Pearce, both of Decatur; and Brad Creel of Meridian.

SIGNS

Continued from page 1A

fined every day for the unconscionable behavior of those who litter, since more than one million taxpayer dollars are spent annually on litter pick-up from highway rights-of-way," Burkes said. "I believe strict enforcement of the litter laws in Mississippi would deter violators. To quote a statement recently contained in a release by the Mississippi Economic Council, 'Trash throws trash.'"

More than 1,000 volunteers are members of MDOT's Adopt-A-Highway Program, which has been in existence in Mississippi since 1988.

During the Transportation Commission's May meeting in Jackson, the three transportation commissioners voted to update the Adopt-A-Highway signs, some of which have been in place for a decade.

Also, to make the program more appealing to business owners, the Transportation Commission will allow a company to use its own logo on the sign that contains the adopting group's name.

"For example, if the franchise owner of a McDonald's adopts a section of highway,

he can have
may includ
We will g
copy of our
will incur
sign made
along wi
Highway
Burkes sai

This is
have been
A-Highwa
continue p
ganization

Ed Bail
gineer, sa
assigned
highway
older sign
an has ne
said.

Burkes
truckers
an Adop
decal to
trucks a
the prog

"To m
said, "o
Adopt-
sign th
'Americ

APF
LAK
SCC
UNI
WIN
CLA

WEEK OF 8-24-98

Hennington Joins ECCC Staff

Dr. Bettye Sue Hennington

Dr. Bettye Sue Hennington was recently named biology/chemistry instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur.

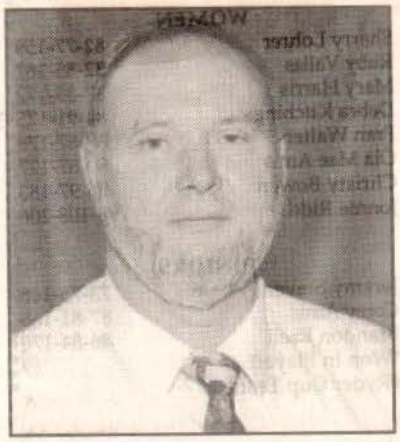
Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Dr. Hennington was Chairman of the Biology Department and biology instructor at Summer Hill Junior High School in Clinton and served as a member of the adjunct faculty at Hinds Community College in Raymond.

Dr. Hennington is a former physiology and biochemistry instructor for the University of Mississippi Medical Center, where she also served as a graduate assistant then as a post doctoral fellow. She has also held instructor positions with Belhaven College, St. Joseph High School and Solomon Junior High in Greenville and Clinton High School. She served one year as a research assistant with USDA-ARS in Stoneville.

She is a recipient of the Merck Young Investigator Award given by the American Heart Association for excellence in research. Dr. Hennington also received a National Health Institute National Research Service Award of 120,000 for three years of research in the area of Renal Physiology. While teaching at St. Joseph High School, she received the STAR Teacher award for three occasions.

A graduate of Greenville High School, Dr. Hennington received her bachelor's degree in biology and her master's degree in special education from Delta State University. She obtained her doctor of philosophy degree in biochemistry from the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Dr. Hennington and her husband, Frank, who works for Entergy Corporation, have a daughter, Kim Hardeman, a classroom teacher in Madison and a son, Andy Tubertini, a student at the University of Mississippi. They have one grandchild, Max Hardeman, 2.



CLARK JOINS ECCC FACULTY - James Clark of Lake was recently named to the Electronic Technology instructor position at East Central Community College in Decatur. Prior to joining the EC staff, Clark was a test engineer for Hughes Aircraft Mississippi, Inc. He has also held positions with Solano Community College in Suisun, California, and Mare Island Naval Shipyard in Vallejo, California. He served 19 years in the United States Navy. A graduate of Lewis County High School in Vanceburg, Kentucky, Clark received his associate's degrees in Consumer Electronics and Television Service from Solano Community College. He is married to the former Barbara Conley of Garrison, Kentucky.

APPEARED IN:
LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 8-31-98

JORDAN

Gerald Jordan selected welding ECCC instructor

Gerald Jordan of Edinburg was recently selected welding instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Jordan served as metal trades instructor at Hinds Community College in Raymond.

He has also served as a production machine operator instructor for ECCC. Jordan earlier served as a welder and machine shop worker for Superior Coach Corporation in Kosciusko and is a former parts and service manager for Taylor Machine Works in Carthage.

Jordan is a member of Sunrise Baptist Church. A Graduate of Edinburg High School, he received his associate's degree from East Central Junior College. He has completed additional coursework at Mississippi State University, Jackson State University and the University of Southern Mississippi.

He is married to the former Betty Martin of Edinburg. They have a daughter, Michelle Smith, and a son, Robert, both of Edinburg.

APPEARED IN:
LAKE MESSENG
SCOTT COUNTY
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

CARTHAGINIAN ✓
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF 8-31-98

ECCC adjunct faculty members

A pre-session workshop for adjunct faculty members at East Central Community College was recently held on the Decatur campus. Among those attending were first row, from left, Keith Justice of Union and Linda Deweese, Tracy Strickland and Julie Herrington, all of Philadelphia; second row, Gail Coats of Philadelphia, Eula Rivers of Union and Carrie Ann Alford of Philadelphia. Adjunct faculty members teach college courses on a part-time basis on the Decatur campus and at various locations throughout the five-county district. For more information contact the office of Adult and Continuing Education, ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, phone 635-2111, ext. 279.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ✓
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 8-31-98

ECCC Adjunct Faculty Members....A pre-session workshop for adjunct faculty members at East Central Community College was recently held on the Decatur campus. Among those attending were (seated from left) Robert Smith of Union, Kathie Bounds of Lawrence, Mattie McMillan of Newton, Tonya Nowell of Decatur and Randy Cuchens of Newton; and (back row from left) Bob Jackson of Conehatta, Danny Alexander of Little Rock, David Germany of Union, Tommy Sanders of Newton and Kevin White of Hickory. Adjunct faculty members teach college courses on a part-time basis on the Decatur campus and at various locations throughout the five-county district. For more information contact the Office of Adult and Continuing Education, ECCC, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 279. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL ✓
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 8-31-99

Thrash joins ECCC faculty

Bobby Thrash of Union was recently selected computer science instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Thrash previously served as math and computer science instructor at East Mississippi Community College in Scooba. He earlier served as Director of Software Engineering at WIN-TEC, Inc. in Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

He has also served as a software engineer with Harris Corporation-GSSD Orlando in Winter Park, Florida; Martin Marietta Aerospace in Baltimore, Maryland, and Orlando, Florida; and Texas Instruments, Inc. in Lewisville, Texas. Thrash was a graduate assistant at the University of Southern Mississippi. He has been an adjunct faculty member at ECCC since 1992.

A graduate of Sebastopol High School, Thrash received his associate's degree from East Central Junior College. He obtained bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics from the University of Southern Mississippi. He received a master's degree in computer science from John Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, and has completed post-master's work in computer science and control systems at the University of North Texas and the University of West Florida.

Thrash's wife, Marjory, teaches eighth grade English at Hawkins Middle School in Forest. They have four children: Andrew, 14; Jenna, 12; Bridget, 6; and Michael, 3.

Shackelford is ECCC instructor

Carol Shackelford of Union was recently named English instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Shackelford served as English instructor at Union High School and was a member of the ECCC adjunct faculty.

Shackelford is a six time recipient of the STAR Teacher award and was chosen to attend the Lamplighter conference in 1996, which recognizes outstanding community/junior college instructors. She is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma teacher's sorority and the Union Present Day Club.

A graduate of Lake High School, Shackelford received her associate's degree from East Central Junior College and her bachelor's degree in English education from Mississippi State University. She also obtained the master of education and the educational specialist degrees from MSU.

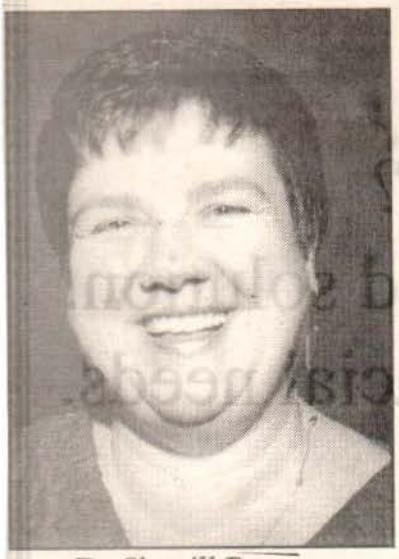
She and her husband, Rick, have a daughter, Sandy Thornton of Ridgeland, who works with Union Planter Bank and a son, Casey, who attends Union Junior High School.

APPEARED IN:
LAKE MESSENGER
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL ✓
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF 8-31-98

Dr. Sherrill Evans Selected ECCC AND Instructor



Dr. Sherrill Evans

Dr. Sherrill Evans of Brandon was recently selected Associate Degree Nursing instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur. Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Evans was an assistant professor at the University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Nursing.

She is a former stroke/gerontology nurse educator for Rush Foundation Hospital in Meridian. She has also held positions on the nursing staffs of Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center, East Mississippi State Hospital, Riley Memorial hospital and Laurel wood Psychiatric Center in Meridian.

Dr. Evans has held instructor positions with East Mississippi Community College and the University of West Alabama (formerly Livingston University). She is a former adjunct instructor for the University of Southern Mississippi. She is also a former instructor for the Meridian Public and Lauderdale County School systems.

She received her associate in arts degree as well as the associate degree in nursing from Meridian Community College. Dr. Evans is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi where she received her bachelor's degree in mathematics and elementary education, her master's degree in reading, the educational specialist degree in elementary education and the master of science degree in nursing.

A graduate of Mississippi State University, Dr. Evans obtained the doctorate degree in secondary education and the educational specialist degree in counselor education. She later completed post-graduate certification as a family nurse practitioner from the University of Alabama, Birmingham.

Dr. Evans has four children. Devonna is a graphic artist with Mississippi Educational Television. Marcus is attending the Mississippi College School of Law. Robert is a sophomore at ECCC. Kimberly is a tenth-grader at Northwest Rankin Attendance Center.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD___X___
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 8-31-98

Brownlee ECCC Instructor

Jared Brownlee

Jared Brownlee of Senatobia was recently selected assistant to the director of bands at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Brownlee served as assistant band director at Southaven High School. He is a former president of the Hernando/DeSoto County Band Directors Association.

Brownlee earlier served as director/administrator of high school marching and concert bands at Saltillo High School. He is a former director/administrator of beginner and intermediate bands at Guntown Middle School.

A graduate of Senatobia High School, Brownlee attended Northwest Mississippi Community College in Senatobia. He received his bachelor's degree in music education from Delta State University and his master of music education from the University of Mississippi.

Brownlee is married to the former Roseanne Rice of Tupelo. They have a son, Jordan, and are expecting their second child in September.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 8-31-98

Blackburn named ECCC Career Center Team Leader

Larry Blackburn

Larry Blackburn was recently named Team Leader of the Skill/Tech One-Stop Career Center at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College President.

Prior to assuming his new duties, Blackburn served the College as Workforce Specialist, a position he had held since 1992. He is also a former carpentry and cabinetmaking instructor and VIDS instructor at ECCC. Blackburn has been a member of the college staff since 1975.

He is a graduate of Decatur High School, East Central Junior College, where he received an associate in applied science degree in drafting; and the University of Southern Mississippi, where he earned bachelor's and master's degree in industrial and vocational education.

Blackburn is married to the former Jo Munn of Decatur, who is employed as a secretary at the Newton County Vocational-Technical Center. They have two daughters, Tracy Blackburn, a counselor at Newton County Elementary School; and Mrs. Jamey (Kim) Smith of Enterprise, an elementary education major at Meridian Community College. The Smiths have a two-year-old daughter, Ashton.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 8-31-96

Martha Stokes selected Allied Health Instructor at PNC Vo-Tech

Martha Stokes

Martha Stokes of Louisville was recently selected allied health instructor at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center, a division of Easts Central Community College.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Stokes was a nurse with Alexander's Home Health in Louisville. She is also a former charge nurse for the Care Center of Louisville and was earlier assistant director of nursing/charge for the Choctaw County Medical Center/Nursing Home in Ackerman.

A graduate of Louisville High School, Stokes received her associate's degree in nursing from Meridian Community College. She is married to Johnny Stokes of Louisville, co-owner of Choctaw Rails, a railroad construction company. They have one daughter, Hayden Caroline, 4.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ✓
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 8-31-08

Gerald Jordan Selected ECCC Instructor

Gerald Jordan

Gerald Jordan of Edinburg was recently selected welding instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Jordan served as metal trades instructor at Hinds Community college in Raymond.

He has also served as a production machine operator instructor for ECCC. Jordan earlier served as a welder and machine shop worker for Superior Coach Corporation in Kosciusko and is a former parts and service manager for Taylor Machine Works in Carthage.

Jordan is a member of Sunrise Baptist Church. A graduate of Edinburg High School, he received his associate's degree from East Central Junior College. He has completed additional coursework at Mississippi State University, Jackson State University and the University of Southern Mississippi.

He is married to the former Betty Martin of Edinburg. They have a daughter, Michelle Smith, and a son, Rober, both of Edinburg.

ECCC
WITH YOU IN MIND
Decatur, MS 39327- 635-2111

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____ ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 8-31-98

Plan ECCC Homecoming....Plans for this year's Homecoming celebration were among items discussed by the East Central Community College Alumni Association Board which recently met on the Decatur campus. The 1998 observance is scheduled Saturday, October 10. Selected as this year's theme is "Celebrate in '98!" Among groups being honored include members of the 1945-46 and 1946-47 women's basketball teams and graduates of all classes ending in "8." All former members of the Warrior Band are also invited to participate in the group's annual performance during halftime activities of the ECCC-Hinds football game. Board members include (seated from left) Steve Quinn of Louisville, Winston County representative; Laura Ming of Louisville, ECCC student body president for 1998-99; Sandra Amis of Conehatta, Alumni Association president; Kay Lucas of Newton, past president; Ann Burkes, ECCC head librarian and Homecoming co-chairperson; and (standing from left) Larry Hogue, ECCC director of development and alumni relations; James Vance of Meridian, out-of-district representative; Chris Collins of Union, Newton County representative; Dick Livingston of Pulaski, Scott County representative; and ECCC officials Dr. Eddie M. Smith, president, and Dr. Phil Sutphin, dean of instruction. Not pictured are Speedy Calvert of Louisville, vice president; Dayna Morgan of Philadelphia, Neshoba County representative; Paul Chamblee of Carthage, Leake County representative; and Earl Marshall of Clinton, out-of-district representative. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL X
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 8-31-98

ECCC Announces '98 Homecoming Honorees

Recipients of various honors to be presented during East Central Community College's annual Homecoming celebration were recently announced by Sandra Amis of Conehatta, president of the College's Alumni Association. This year's observance, with the theme "Celebrate in '98" will be held Saturday, October 10, on the Decatur campus.

Honorees include T. H. (Tam) Etheridge, chairman and chief executive officer of Choctaw Maid Farms, Inc. in Carthage, *Alumnus of the Year;* Nell Allen Rogers, planner and congressional liaison for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, *Alumna of the Year;* Leesa Wilkinson, keyboard instructor, *Academic instructor of the Year;* and Conrad Germany, collision repair technology instructor, *Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year.*

Also being recognized are three inductees into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame, who include Van Chancellor, head coach/general manager of the WNBA Houston Comets; Deborah Norwood Duncan, teacher/coach at Neshoba Central High School in Philadelphia; and Howard Sessums of Clinton, retired director of personnel for the Mississippi Department of Education.

Reunion groups being honored include members of all classes ending in "8" and the 1945-46 and 1946-47 women's basketball teams. Special "diplomas" will be presented to members of the 1948 class in recognition of their golden anniversary. Former band members are also invited to attend and participate in the annual "Alumni Band" performance during half-time ceremonies of the ECCC-Hinds football game. Former ECCC athletes and supporters of the

been named in tribute to Dr. Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Hunter, James "Jim" McDonald Thames and the many other individuals who were instrumental in the establishment of East Central Junior College in 1928.

Other activities include a cookout scheduled at 6;30 p.m. Friday, October 9, at Turkey Creek Water Park for members of 1957, 1958 and 1959 classes. For more information class members should contact Martha Kate (Tullos) Hummel, Rt. 1, Box 180, Greenwood, MS 38930-9643, Ph 455-6384, or Carol (Farish) Vickers in Decatur, Ph 635-2949.

Also planned are the annual alumni/student golf and tennis tournaments. Tennis competition is slated October 5-8 followed by a nine-hole golf tournament on October 9.

For more information regarding Homecoming '98 contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, or phone toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC, ext. 323.

Prior to the various reunion group meetings, a ceremony is scheduled to officially dedicate "Founder's Gym." Constructed in 1930 and still used for intramural and other activities, the old gym has

APPEARED IN:
LAKE MESSENGER_
SCOTT COUNTY TIM
UNION APPEAL ___
WINSTON COUNTY
CLARION-LEDGER_

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____ ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 9-7-03

Duncan in good company at EC

Sports with Marty Stamper

Neshoba Central golf/junior high basketball coach Deborah Norwood Duncan will be in some pretty good company when she is inducted in East Central Community College's Athletic Hall of Fame during homecoming ceremonies in Decatur on Oct. 10.

Entering the Hall of Fame with Duncan is Houston Comets coach Van Chancellor. Chancellor recently led the Comets to their second straight WNBA championship and was named Coach of the Year.

Also to be inducted is Howard Sessums.

• **Rockets-Tornadoes Chapter XXXIX:** Philadelphia and Neshoba Central continue their annual football war Friday night with the Rockets hosting this year's event at 7:30.

Philadelphia took a 19-6 win last year. Neshoba still holds a 20-18 lead in the series, thanks to 12 wins in the last 16 meetings.

The Tornadoes evened their record at 1-1 last week with a 35-20 win over Kemper County. Their loss was to Class 5A Vicksburg in the season opener. While the closeness of that game looked good at the time, Vicksburg gave up 62 points in last week's game with West Monroe (La.).

Neshoba fell to 1-1 with a 26-0 loss to Forest last Friday after thumping Yazoo City in the season opener. Yazoo was a 41-6 loser to Starkville last week.

For two schools with air-related mascots, neither has fared well in the passing game thus far. Philadelphia has completed 3 of 18 passes for 44 yards. Neshoba is 0 of 11.

• **MRA honors Rea:** Madison-Ridgeland Academy is honoring the late Sam Rea by allowing a deserving senior back to wear his No. 26 in memory of the former Patriot.

The first person to wear the jersey is Michael Hand, who scored the first touchdown in MRA's 35-6 win at Leake Friday night.

Rea's widow is the former Dana Killen of Philadelphia.

• **Not your typical MPSA team:** When it comes to Mississippi Private School Association football, Jackson Prep has often set the standard.

The Patriots went 10-1 last year, losing 24-14 in the first round of the AAAA state playoffs to eventual champion Pillow.

This year finds Prep sporting a look not often found among MPSA members.

Two of Prep's 60 players are black. They are junior wide receiver/defensive back Chris Gale (6-1, 160) and sophomore wide receiver/defensive back Sherman Jenkins (6-0, 168).

• **www.rentedmules.com:** It's time for the first installment of football teams that were "beaten like a rented mule" from the games of Sept. 4.

Greenwood took a 68-8 whipping from Gautier.

Clarksdale laid down the smack on Greenville to the tune of 65-0.

St. Aloysius received a 63-14 beating at the hands of Gulfport St. John.

Vicksburg, a 21-13 winner over Philadelphia a week ago, was blasted 62-21 by West Monroe (La.).

McAdams took a 59-22 whipping from Ethel. McAdams' prowess should have been answered in its season opener, a slim 8-6 win over hapless Williams-Sullivan.

Williams-Sullivan, by the way, was on the receiving end of a 58-6 pasting from J.J. McClain.

Clarkdale kept its rightful spot in this column in suffering a 56-14 drubbing from Stringer.

Broad Street had its streets paved and packed in a 56-6 loss to West Bolivar.

Alcorn Central was a 53-20 victim of Itawamba County AHS.

Willie Totten coaching or not, Cleveland East Side took a 50-6 thrashing from Indianola Gentry.

The rented mules weren't limited to Mississippi as Demopolis (Ala.) Academy was humbled by Shelby Academy to the tune of 69-0.

Also in Alabama, Randolph County buried Horseshoe Bend 60-0.

Maybe close doesn't count with Horseshoe after all.

homecoming ceremony

APPEARED IN:
LAKE MESSEN
SCOTT COUNT
UNION APPEAI
WINSTON COU
CLARION-LEDG

T

WEEK OF 9-7-98

East Central announces homecoming honorees

Recipients of various honors to be presented during East Central Community College's annual Homecoming celebration were recently announced by Sandra Amis of Conehatta, president of the College's Alumni Association. This year's observance, with the theme "Celebrate in '98!" will be held Saturday, October 10, on the Decatur campus.

Honorees include T.H. (Tam) Etheridge, chairman and chief executive officer of Choctaw Maid Farms, Inc. in Carthage, Alumnus of the Year; Nell Allen Rogers, planner and congressional liaison for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Alumna of the Year; Leesa Wilkinson, keyboard instructor, Academic Instructor of the Year; and Conrad Germany, collision repair technology instructor, Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year.

Also being recognized are three inductees into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame, who include Van Chancellor, head coach/general manager of the WNBA Houston Comets; Deborah Norwood Duncan, teacher/coach at Neshoba Central High School in Philadelphia; and Howard Sessums of Clinton, retired director of personnel for the Mississippi Department of Education.

Reunion groups being honored include members of all classes ending in "8" and the 1945-46 and 1946-47 women's basketball teams. Special "diplomas" will be presented to members of the 1948 class in recognition of their golden anniversary. Former band members are also invited to attend and participate in the annual "Alumni Band" performance during halftime ceremonies of the ECCC-Hinds football game. Former ECCC athletes and supporters of the College's athletic program will also gather at the annual Warrior Club meeting.

Prior to the various reunion group meetings, a ceremony is scheduled to officially dedicate "Founders' Gym." Constructed in 1930 and still used for intramural and other activities, the old gym has been named in tribute to Dr. Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Hunter, James "Jim" McDonald Thames and the many other individuals who were instrumental in the establishment of East Central Junior College in 1928.

Other activities include a cookout scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, at Turkey Creek Water Park for members of the 1957, 1958 and 1959 classes. For more information class members should contact Martha Kate (Tullos) Hummel, Rt. 1, Box 180, Greenwood, MS 39030-9643, Ph. 455-6384, or Carol (Farish) Vickers in Decatur, Ph 635-2949.

Also planned are the annual alumni/student golf and tennis tournaments. Tennis competition is slated Oct. 5-8 followed by a nine-hole golf tournament on Oct. 9.

For more information regarding Homecoming '98 contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, or phone toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 323.

APPEARED IN:
LAKE MESSENG
SCOTT COUNTY
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUI
CLARION-LEDG

N ✓
MOCRAT
ORD
AR

WEEK OF 9-7-95

Edmondson to announce for ECCC

DECATUR--Frank Edmondson of Lake will again serve address system announcer for East Central Community College home football games.

Edmondson, a veteran radio and television broadcaster with over 26 years experience, begins his third season in the ECCC press box by announcing the Warriors' matchup with Itawamba Community College on Thursday, September 10. Kickoff for the nondivision battle is set for 6:30 p.m. in Warrior Stadium.

The Alabama native is certainly no stranger to broadcasting sporting events, as he previously served as radio announcer for University Of Mississippi Lady Rebel Basketball games and Ole Miss junior varsity football contests. He is also a former public address system announcer for Columbus Caldwell High School and Verona Junior High School football action.

Edmondson's career in the radio business included assignments at stations in Alabama, Mississippi, New Jersey and Hawaii. He currently serves as editor/owner of the Lake Messenger, a weekly newspaper he began publishing in November, 1996. He is also an ordained minister and serves as pastor of Cooperville Baptist Church near Morton.

Edmondson is involved in various community activities and is a former president of the Lake Athletic Booster Club. He has served as an umpire for area baseball and softball games for 22 years.

He is a graduate of Stephen D. Lee High School in Columbus and Mississippi University for Women, where he received a bachelor's degree in broadcasting.

Edmondson is married to the former Elizabeth Saucier of Oxford. They have three sons, Palani (Frank III), Jeff, and Bradley.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER ✓
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF 9-7-98

Fortenberry seelcted as EC Instructor

Thomas Fortenberry of Union was recently selected computer technology instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Fortenberry was district technology coordinator for the Philadelphia Public School District. He earlier served as director of administrative computing services at ECCC.

He has also held positions with H&R Block as a programming consultant and the Molpus Company as data processing supervisor. A graduate of Neshoba Central High School, Fortenberry received an associate's degree in data processing from Meridian Community College and an associate's degree in business administration/accounting from ECCC. He has completed additional coursework at Mississippi State University.

Fortenberry is married to the former Pam Copeland of Philadelphia. They have two children, Amanda, 9; and Tanner, 5.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____ RTHAGINIAN_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____ SHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

UNION APPEAL ✓ WTON RECORD_____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL RIDIAN STAR_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

WEEK OF 9-7-98

ECCC to offer courses

DECATUR--East Central Community College is again offering Adult Basic Education and General Education Development (GED) classes on the Decatur campus and at various locations throughout the College's five-county district. The classes are provided free of charge to students who are at least 17 years of age and not currently enrolled in school.

Class locations by county:

Leake County: Carthage High School Library (5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays) and Thomastown High School (6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays).

Neshoba County: Philadelphia/Neshoba County Library (9 to 11 a.m. and 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays); Philadelphia High School, Fibernet 2000 Lab (6 to 9 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays); and Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vo-Tech Center (6 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays).

Newton County: ECCC South Campus (6 to 9 p.m. and 8 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays); Newton Elementary School Library (5 to 8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays); and Union High School (6 to 9 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays).

Scott County: Forest/Scott County Vo-Tech Center (5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays); Morton High School (6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays); and Forest Trinity Mission Center, English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes (10 a.m. to 12 noon and 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays).

Winston County: Louisville National Guard Armory (8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday; Lousiville Vocational Center (5 to 8 p.m. and 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, and 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays); and Louisville United Methodist Church (8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays).

For more information contact the Office of Adult and Continuing Education, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss 39327, Ph 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222) exts. 278 or 279.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER ✓

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES

UNION APPEAL

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL

CLARION-LEDGER

CARTHAGINIAN

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT

NEWTON RECORD

MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF 9-14-98

Serve as ABE instructors

Serving as Adult Basic Education instructors for East Central Community College in Scott County are (seated, from left) Martha Cleveland and Ann Clements; and (standing, from left) Zann Nutt, Pat Cleveland and Tony Lee. ABE/GED classes are offered at no charge and are held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays at the Forest/Scott County Vocational-Technical Center; and 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Morton High School. Also offered are English as a Second Language (ESL) classes which are held from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Trinity Mission Center. For more information contact the Office of Adult and Continuing Education, East Central Community College, Decatur, Miss. 39327, or call toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), Ext. 279.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

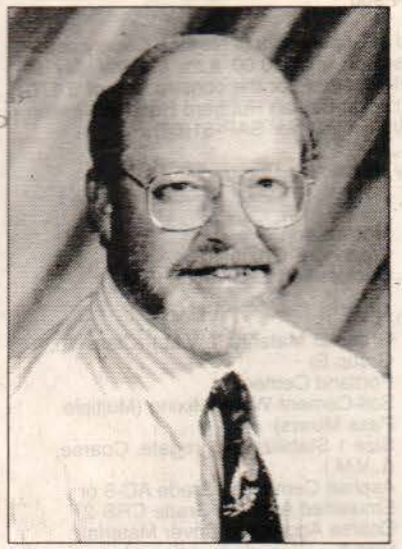
WEEK OF 9-14-98

Guraedy to direct Art Workshop

Artist and art educator J. Bruce Guraedy will lead a multimedia art workshop on Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27 sponsored by the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Arts Council.

PNC Arts Council is collaborating with the Clay Bluffs Art Association in producing the workshop. It will be open to persons of all skill levels, including beginners, and all ages. Participants who are 12 years old or younger must be accompanied by an adult.

The workshop will be held in the Neshoba County Public Library from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on September 26 and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on September 27. An optional, pre-workshop session



is being offered Friday, September 25 beginning at 7 p.m. in the Neshoba County Public Library.

This workshop will be free to members of the PNC Arts Council. Persons who are not Arts Council members will pay a fee of $20.

Instruction in color mixing, composition, painting and drawing techniques, perspective and proportion will be provided during the workshop.

Mr. Guraedy is head of the Art Department at East Central Community College where he has been an art instructor for more than two decades.

For 16 years he served on the Adjunct Art Faculty of Mississippi State University - Meridian Branch. n addition to his work as an art educator and art workshop director, Mr. Guraedy is a freelance artist.

Workshop participants who are already experienced in art may work in the media of their choice, such as oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, or pencil. They should bring the appropriate supplies for their chosen media and a photograph, still life setup, or other subject matter to use in creating a work of art during the sessions.

Since drawing is the basis of all visual art, Mr. Guraedy said that beginners participating in the workshop will spend their time drawing. Beginners should bring to the workshop the following supplies: an all purpose paper drawing pad, not a newsprint pad, that is at least 11 inches by 14 inches large; two regular No. 2 pencils; one ebony pencil (or one of the following pencils 2B, 4B, or 6B); one gum or kneaded eraser; and a twelve-inch ruler.

Persons seeking information on the workshop and on membership in the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Arts Council may contact the Arts Council at 313 Byrd Avenue, Philadelphia, or by writing the Arts Council at P. O. Box 131, Philadelphia, MS 39350.

PNC Arts Council is funded by membership dues, donations, the governments of the City of Philadelphia and Neshoba County, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, the Mississippi Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL ✓
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 9-14-98

Moore selected ECCC instructor

Patsy Moore of Louisville was recently named English instructor/yearbook advisor at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Moore served as English instructor at Louisville High School and was a member of the ECCC adjunct faculty.

She is a former English/social studies instructor for Noxubee County High School and earlier served as an adjunct faculty member for Mary Holmes College in West Point.

A graduate of Vaiden High School, Moore attended Holmes Community College and Delta State University. She received her bachelor's degree in social studies and English, a master's degree in English Education and an educational specialist degree from Mississippi State University.

She is married to Ernest Moore, an instructor at the Louisville/Winston County Vocational-Technical Center. They have two sons: Ray, 23, and Patrick 20.

Patsy Moore

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL __✓__

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 9-21-98

Establish Mayes Scholarship..... Sid and Jackie Etie, left, of Houston, Texas, recently gave $1,000 to the East Central Community College Foundation to begin endowment of the Thomas Rudolph Mayes Memorial Scholarship. Mr. Mayes, Jackie's father, died of heart failure on August 13, 1998. He had served East Central for 28 years as English instructor before retiring in 1986. Dr. Eddie M. Smith, East Central president, said the College will continue to receive donations to the Mayes scholarship fund to reach the minimum $10,000 required to endow the scholarship. Once endowed, the scholarship monies will come from earnings on the endowment corpus. To make a contribution or receive additional information contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL ✓
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 9-21-98

MAME HOLDS FIRST BOARD MEETING-The Mississippi Association of Marketing Educators (MAME) held their first board meeting of the new year recently at East Central Community College in Decatur. MAME is made up of instructors from across the state. They are the voice of all marketing and cooperative teachers throughout Mississippi. Serving as the president of the board is Stan Benson who teaches Marketing at the Newton County Vocational Center Special guests at this meeting included state department officials. Sondra Hardin who serves as the state supervisor for marketing and cooperative education and state DECA advisor Jesse Griffin. Seated left to right: Stan Benson, Newton County; Carole Armstrong, Clinton High School; Don Pratt, Neshoba Central; Gwynn Cooper, Forrest Scott County Vocational Center; Penny Coleman, McKellar Technology Center; Gary Hamm, Tupelo High School. Standing left to right: Jesse Griffin, State Dept.; Dana Harrell, Hinds-Community College Rankin Campus; Patti Simmons, Pontotoc Vocational Center; Cindy Demoville, New Hope High School; Terri Bowles, East Central High School; Clayton Marble, Lowndes County Vocational Center; Sondra Hardin, State Dept. (Voc-Tech Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 9-21-95

ECCC ADULT EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS - Serving as Adult Basic Education Instructors for East Central Community College in Newton County are (seated, from left) Becky Branning, Lorene Graham and Jackie Richardson; and (standing, from left) Sue Addy, Ed McGowan, Linda Lofton and Nancy Alexander. ABE/GED classes are offered at no charge an dare held from 8 to 11 a.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays on the ECCC South Campus; 5 to 8 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays at Union High School. For more information contact the Office of Adult and Continuing Education, East Central Community College, Decatur, Miss. 39327, or call toll free 1-8977-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), Ext. 279. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER _____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES _____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL _____

CLARION-LEDGER _____

CARTHAGINIAN _____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT _____

NEWTON RECORD ✓

MERIDIAN STAR _____

WEEK OF 9-21-98

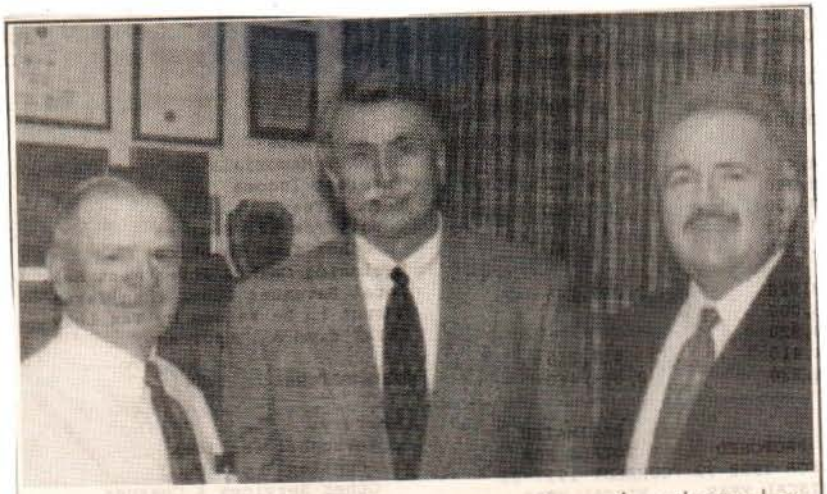
Delane Hudson (center) of Louisville and a member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees, recently established the first minority-sponsored scholarship to attend ECCC. Approved at the September meeting of the College's Board of Trustees, the Delane Hudson/Voices of Congress Congress Scholarship is an effort to encourage more Winston Countians, especially those needing financial assistance, to take advantage of the educational opportunities available at the College. Voices of Congress is a community choir composed of Winston County teenagers and is sponsored by Mr. Hudson. The recipient of the annual $500 scholarship will be selected by the College's scholarship committee. Shown with Hudson are Larry Hogue (left), director of development and alumni relations at the college and Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECCC president.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL ✓
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 9-21-98



Dr. John Garner (center) of Noxapater was recently welcomed as the newest member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees.

Dr. Garner, who was earlier named Superintendent of the Louisville Municipal School District, is shown with Board Chairman Prentice Copeland (left) of Philadelphia and ECCC President Dr. Eddie M. Smith. Prior to assuming his new duties, Dr. Garner served as an assistant superintendent for the Brookhaven School District.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL ✓
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 9-28-98

DECATUR

HOMECOMING SET: Recognition of outstanding alumni and instructors and the induction of new Athletic Hall of Fame members will highlight homecoming activities Oct. 10 at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Also being honored are the 1945-46 and 1946-47 women's basketball teams and members of all classes ending in "8."

In addition, Founders' Gymnasium will be dedicated in ceremonies Saturday. Constructed in 1930 and still used for intramural sports and other activities, the gym is named for Dr. Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Hunter, James "Jim" McDonald Thames and others instrumental in founding the college in 1928.

Honorees this year include Alumnus of the Year T.H. Etheridge of Jackson, Alumna of the Year Nell Allen Rogers of Philadelphia, Academic Instructor of the Year Leesa Lee Wilkinson of Meridian, Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year Conrad Germany of Union, and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees Van Chancellor of Houston, Texas, Deborah Duncan Norwood of Philadelphia and Howard Sessums of Clinton.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL ✓
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

Tam Etheridge named EC 'Alumnus of Year'

Recognition of outstanding alumni and instructors along with the induction of new Athletic Hall of Fame members will highlight homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, Oct. 10, at East Central Community College in Decatur. Also being honored are the 1945-46 and 1946-47 women's basketball teams and members of all classes ending in "8".

In addition, a special ceremony is scheduled Saturday morning to officially dedicate Founders' Gymnasium. Constructed in 1930 and still used for intramural and other activities, the old gym is named in tribute to Dr. Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Hunter, James "Jim" McDonald Thames and the many others who were instrumental in establishing then East Central Junior College in 1928.

Honorees this year include T.H. (Tam) Etheridge of Jackson, Alumnus of the Year; Nell Allen Rogers of Philadelphia, Alumna of the Year; Leesa Lee Wilkinson of Meridian, Academic Instructor of the Year; Conrad Germany of Union, Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year; and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees Van Chancellor of Houston, Texas; Deborah Duncan Norwood of Philadelphia; and Howard Sessums of Clinton.

Etheridge, a 1950 ECCC [illegible] graduate, serves as chairman and chief executive officer of Choctaw Maid, Inc. in Carthage. Under Etheridge's leadership, Choctaw Maid Farms has grown from its humble beginnings in the 1950's to one of the nation's leading poultry companies. In addition to the processing plant and headquarters in Carthage, the company operates facilities in Forest, Crystal Springs,

ETHERIDGE

Walnut Grove, a new state-of-the-art feed mill in Union and a new hatchery in Newton. The Walnut Grove facility produces 1.5 million baby chicks per week; the Union feed mill, considered to be the largest poultry feed mill in the country, has the capacity to produce 22,500 tons of feed per week; and the Newton hatchery, regarded as one of the largest in the nation, produces two million baby chicks per week. Recent renovations and expansions have also been made at the Carthage facility, which now includes over 300,000 square feet with over 2,000 employees, and the Forest plant, where major internal improvements have been made.

Overall, Choctaw Maid Farms has over 3000 employees, processing over 2.5 million chickens per week, with a total annual payroll of over $39 million. In addition to offering competitive wages and salaries, the company provides health and dental benefits, 401K plans, profit sharing and tuition assistance for those who want to continue their education.

Etheridge's expertise in the keting of poultry and poultry-related products. He has also served as an officer or board member of several other corporations involving insurance, laboratories, protein conversion, real estate and environmental services.

He was elected for two terms to serve as chairman of the poultry industry's National Trade Association with headquarters in Washington, D.C., and continues to serve on that Board. In addition, Etheridge has served as chairman of the Mississippi Poultry Association and the Mississippi Manufacturers Association and continues to serve on these boards. He has also served as president of the Carthage Rotary Club, Carthage/Leake County Chamber of Commerce, Industrial Development Association, Airport Board and a member of the State Chamber of Commerce Board. In addition, he is a former president of the Reserve Officers Association, Mississippi Department.

In addition to his success in the poultry business, Etheridge experienced a rewarding military career, having reached the rank of Rear Admiral when he retired from service in 1990. In all, Etheridge's Navy career spanned 35 years, with three and a half years served in active duty and the balance spent in Reserves.

A graduate of Louisville High School, Etheridge received a bachelor's degree in accounting from Mississippi State University.

Etheridge and his wife, the former Nora Reagan, have two grown children. Eric Etheridge lives in New York where he works for Microsoft and is executive producer of New York Sidewalk, located on the

WEEK OF 10-5-98

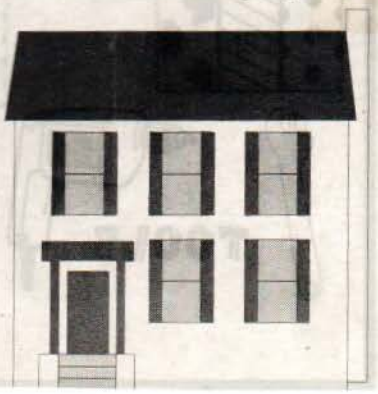
ECCC Plans Groundbreaking for New Women's Dormitory

DECATUR--Groundbreaking ceremonies for construction of a new women's dormitory at East Central Community College in Decatur will be held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 13, 1998.

The $3 million facility-named in honor of Erma Lee Barber, a former dean of women and dorm supervisor-will be located on the College's South Campus and will house 124 female students. The 26,566 square foot structure is expected to be completed prior to the 1999 fall semester.

Funding for construction of Erma Lee Barber Hall is being provided with a $3 million loan from the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Division, which will be repaid over a 25-year period through special tax levies approved by all five district county boards of supervisors. The ECCC district includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott, and Winston counties.

Miss Barber, who resides in Decatur, will be among special guests expected to attend the groundbreaking ceremony. The public is also invited to attend the program.



APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER ✓
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF 10-5-98

Pledge to EC

Central Electric Power Association has pledged $100,000 to East Central Community College in Decatur to upgrade the College's information technology system. The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) is a partner with CEPA is this endeavor, which covers a five-year period. Once in place, the new technology will dramatically enhance the speed and efficiency of all aspects of East Central's computer management system. An official from each company presented a check in the amount of $10,000 to ECCC representatives during ceremonies recently held at Central Electric's headquarters in Carthage. From left are Paul Long, CEPA General Manager and Danny Thornton, CEPA Board Secretary/Treasurer, both of Carthage; Terry Kemp of Starkville, TVA Senior Manager of Customer Service in Mississippi; Leon Harrison of Little Rock, CEPA Board Vice President; Joe Sanders of Carthage, CEPA Board President; Maurice Smith of Tupelo, TVA Regional Manager, Economic Development; Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECCC President; Larry Hogue, ECCC Director of Development and Alumni Relations; and David Howell of Carthage, ECCC Development Foundation President.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN ✓
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

Deborah Norwood Duncan
Philadelphia
"Athletic Hall of Fame"

Many athletes dream of being a part of a state or national championship team, but for Duncan, a 1970 ECCC graduate, those dreams became realities, not just once but six times-with two of the championship coming an the national level! Winning titles also followed Duncan in the coaching ranks, as her basketball and track teams also claimed various honors.

Duncan's championship years actually began at Lousiville High School, where she was a three-year letter-winner in basketball and track.

She helped lead the Lady Wildcats to three Choctaw Conference titles and two district titles. In recognition of her accomplishments on the basketball court, Duncan was named an All-Star in 1968, All-State in 1967, and All-North State, All Choctaw Conference and All-District in 1965, 1967 and 1968.

In track, Duncan set several records in the high jump and led the Lady Wildcats to three conference and district titles and two North Division championships.

From Louisville, Duncan continued her athletic career at Nashville Business College, which was then a perennial power in the AAU League, and helped lead the NBC women to their eighth straight national title! Although she was a member of the National Business College basketball team, she actually took classes at George Peabody College (which has siced merged with Vanderbilt University), due to an agreement between the two colleges.

NBC dropped basketball after her freshman year , and Duncan decided to enroll at then East Central Junior College where she became a three-sport letter winner. She began her athletic competition as a member of Coach Lucille Wood's volleyball team which completed season action by winning the state championship.

Then it was on to basketball season and once again, Coach Wood led Duncan and her teammates to another state championship. Duncan also participated in tennis and was the leading singles player.

Duncan continued her success in basketball and volleyball when she attended Mississippi State College for Women (MSCW) during the 1970-71 and 1971-71 terms.

nament teams in volleyball and basketball, including her selection as most valuable player at the University of West Georgia Volleyball Tournament. Duncan and her volleyball teammates won several tournaments including the state tournament both years she was on the team. She was named to the All-Squad her senior season.

Duncan's accomplishment continued on the basketball court, as the "W" won state titles her junior and senior years, in addition to capturing the Houston, Texas Invitational Tournament along with several other invitational. Duncan was an All-State choice both years.

Obviously a highlight of her "W" career was being a member of the format for deciding the women's college champion. Not only did Duncan and her teammates make history that year, she also made her own mark by being named the state's first female athlete to be selected an All-American while a member of a Mississippi college team.

Following graduation from the "W" Duncan began her teaching and coaching career. She taught Chemistry, physics and biology as well as coaching basketball and track for high school and junior high girls.

She first served at Winston Academy, where she coached basketball and track from 1972-74. Her track teams won district titles both years and the 1974 season. Duncan was chosen "Coach of the Year."

Duncan then led basketball and track teams at Bayou Academy in Boyle, Miss., from 1974-80. During this period, her tracksters earned four State, North State and district titles and were Regional Relay champions for three seasons. And once again, Duncan received "Coach of the Year" recognition. (It should be noted that those track teams still hold several state records.)

When she started her family, Duncan semi-retired from coaching on the high school level in 1980, and began leading junior high programs. She served at North Sunflower Academy in Drew from 1981-84, where her track teams won conference titles all three years and her basketball squads won two conference titles all three years and her basketball squads won two conference championships.

Duncan took over the Neshoba Central junior high school program in 1990, and led her basketball teams to successful campaigns, including one undefeated season before retiring in 1995. She continues to coach golf at Neshoba Central High School, a program she initiated in 1996. Her athletic involvement also includes her service as clock operator for high school basketball games.

Like her success as an athlete and coach, Duncan's accomplishments in the classroom have not gone unnoticed. Twice she has received "Teacher of the Year" honors, on five occasions she was named STAR Teacher and she was an

tioned degrees, Duncan holds a master's degree in physical education from Delta State University and has earned master's degree certification in chemistry and physics to her state teacher's certification. She received 30-plus graduate hours from Mississippi State University and Mississippi University fro Women, and attends science workshops each summer to keep up with changes in educational pedagogy.

Duncan and her husband, Jim, have two children. Brandi is a sophomore at East Central and Greg is a junior at Neshoba Central High School.

APPEARED IN:
LAKE MESSENGER
SCOTT COUNTY TI
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY
CLARION-LEDGER

N
MOCRAT
ORD
AR

WEEK OF 10-5-98

T. H. "Tam" Etheridge
Jackson
"1998 Alumnus of the Year"

Etheridge, a 1953 ECCC graduate, serves as chairman and chief executive officer of Choctaw Maid Farms, Inc. in Carthage. Under Etheridge's leadership, Choctaw Maid Farms has grown from its humble beginnings in the 1950's to one of the nation's leading poultry companies. In addition to the processing plant and headquarters in Carthage, the company operates facilities in Forest, Crystal Springs, with a total annual payroll of over $39 million. In addition to offering competitive wages and salaries, the company provides health and dental benefits, 401K plans, profit sharing and tuition assistance for those who want to continue their education.

Etheridge's expertise in the poultry business is widely recognized, as he serves as chairman and chief executive officer of several corporations, all of which are engaged in the production, processing and marketing of poultry and poultry-related products. He has also served as an officer or board member of several other corporations involving insurance, laboratories, protein conversion, real estate, a nd environmental services.

He was elected for two terms to serve as chairman of the poultry industry's National Trade Association with headquarters in Washington, D.C., and continues to serve on that Board. In addition, Etheridges

Reagon, have two grown children. Eric Etheridge lives in New York, where he works for Microsoft and is executive producer of New York Sidewalk, located on the Internet. His wife, Kate, is a playwright. Anne Etheridge lives in San Francisco where she is executive producer of Bay Area Video Coalition, a post-production video company.

ECCC
WITH YOU IN MIND

APPEARED IN:
LAKE MESSENGER_
SCOTT COUNTY TIM
UNION APPEAL ___
WINSTON COUNTY
CLARION-LEDGER_

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians in Philadelphia. In her work, she outlines federal policy concerns raised by the tribal government to members of the Congressional delegation, emphasizing the importance of local control and tribal sovereignty.

Rogers began her career with MBCI as a teacher in and later director of the federal government gave tribes the opportunity to operate their own programs rather than have the Bureau of Indian Affairs do it for them. The Choctaw tribe chose adult education as its first contract program. She later left the Choctaw program and moved to Cambridge, Massachusetts, where she worked for the Boston Indian Center developing education programs for adults and later for children and the elderly. During this period, she also began working for other tribes as a consultant, setting up educational programs and traveling to a number of reservations and urban Indian centers. In her work, she developed and evaluated community-based education programs, including some programs for Indian-controlled community colleges.

Rogers returned to MBCI in 1981 as a planner and later congressional liaison. As a planner, Rogers worked with her tribal colleagues in planning the Choctaw Tribal School System, which is the largest tribally-controlled reservation school system in the country, in compacting the tribal health care system and in preparing successful grant applications for funds for a wide range of education, health and construction projects. Now, she primarily follows and analyzes legislation and meets with members of congressional staffs or with representatives from federal agencies, depending on the issue.

Between her work for the tribe and her travels, Rogers has also found time to serve on various other boards and associations.

She served as a member of the Mississippi State Board for Community and Junior Colleges from 1990-96, serving as vice chair for the 1995-96 term. As a board member, she was responsible for helping approve programs and make policies concerning Mississippi's community and junior colleges.

Rogers is a member of the American Educational Research Associa-

an organization composed of triba and non-tribal people associatec with adult literacy and GED programs.

She is also a former member an co-chair of the Mississippi State Alumni Committee on Diversity and served three years on the Mississippi Task Force on Reducing Illiteracy. She was a U.S. Senate appointee to the White House Conference on Indian Education in 1992 and she recently completed a term on the Mississippi Workforce Development Council which works to coordinate workforce training with business and industry to make sure that training is consistent with the needs of industry.

In addition, she is a technical reviewer for several programs within the U.S. Department of Education and for the Women's Equity in Education Center and has worked as a consultant for the U.S. Departmen of the Interior in developing standards for preschool and adult education and procedures for the planning, design, and construction of educational facilities.

A 1965 Neshoba Central High School graduate, Rogers received a bachelor's degree in English and a master's in education from Mississippi State University.

WEEK OF 10-5-98

Nell Allen Rogers
"1998 Alumna of the Year"

Rogers, who attended East Central during the 1965-66 college term, serves as congressional liaison fro

MES

JOURNAL

CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF 10/5/98

Van Chancellor
Houston, Texas
"Athletic Hall of Fame"

Chancellor, a 1963 ECCC graduate, serves as general manager and head coach of the Houston Comets of the Women' s National Basketball Association. In the league's first two years of existence, Chancellor has led the Comets to championship titles both seasons and garnered for himself "Coach of the Year" honors in recognition of each successful campaign. His overall mark at Houston stands at 51 wins and just 14 losses.

Prior to joining the Houston Comets' organization, Chancellor spent 19 seasons guiding the Lady Rebel basketball program at the University of Mississippi. His squads produced the most successful program in school history, posting a winning percentage of .740 percent. He is also recognized as the 16th all-time winningest coach in the nation, in terms of victories.

Chancellor, who took over the Lady Rebel program in 1978 at the age of 34, never experienced a losing campaign, and 15 of his teams earned 20 or more wins and 14 were ranked in the final Associated Press Division l poll. Eight of his teams were also ranked in the USA Today poll, which is released following the NCAA Tournament. In addition, his 1991-92 squad claimed the program's first Southeastern Conference regular season title with a perfect 11-0 mark in the newly-expanded conference format. The year the Lady Rebels also won a school record 25 consecutive games, posted a 29-3 mark and advanced to the finals of the NCAA Tournament Midwest Regional.

His championship years at Ole Miss also included the 1978-79 season, when his first Lady Rebel squad posted a 31-9 record and claimed the Mississippi State AIAW title, and the 1984-85 campaign, when Ole Miss won 24 straight games enroute to a 29-3 mark and a berth in the finals of the NCAA Tournament Mideast Regional.

His 1981-81, 1982-83, 1983-84, and 1984-85 Rebel teams won or shared SEC Western Division 1982-83 squads played in the title game of the SEC Tournament.

On three occasions, Chancellor has received "Coach of the Year" recognition, representing only the fourth coach in SEC women's basketball history to receive the honor. He was also selected "National Coach of the Year" by the Women's Basketball News Service and World Almanic after the 1991-92 campaign. And, following the 1994-95 season, he was selected "Coach of the Year" by the Mississippi Sports Writers Association.

Chancellor is a former standout basketball player at Louisville High School where he averaged 24 points per game his senior season. He continued his athletic career at then East Central Junior College where he played two years for Coach Denver Brackeen.

From East Central, Chancellor transferred to Mississippi State University where he received a bachelor's degree in math and physical education in 1965. He also entered the coaching ranks during his senior year at MSU, serving as head coach of the boy's basketball team at Noxapater High School.

After receiving his undergraduate degree, Chancellor directed the boys program at Noxapater for an additional season before taking over as head coach of the boy's and girl's basketball teams at Horn Lake.

During his seven-year tenure at Horn Lake, Chancellor compiled an impressive 337-103 record, which included a 164-51 mark as boys' coach and a 173-52 slate leading the girls' program.

Chancellor left Horn Lake for Harrison Central High School, where his teams posted a five-year record of 277 wins and 62 losses (121-38 boys' record; 156-24 girls' mark). During this period he also earned a master's degree in education from Ole Miss. He left Harrison Central to take over the Lady Rebel program.

Chancellor is married to the former Betty Cannon, also of Louisville. They have two grown children-John, who serves as girls' basketball coach at Pascagoula High School and is married to the former Angela Farias, and Renee, girls' basketball coach at Water Valley High School. Renee is married to Kevin Asaro.

AF
LA
SC
UI
W... ...RNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF 10/5/98

Howard Sessums
Clinton
"Athletic Hall of Fame"

Sessums, a former standout at Morton High School, was a four-sport letterman at East Central, excelling in football, basketball, baseball, and track during the 1946-47 and 1947-48 college terms. He was an All-State selection at trailback his freshman season and received All-State honors both years as a forward on the Warrior basketball team. In addition, he won first place in the 100-and-200 yard dash and the 200 yard low hurdles in the state track meet his sophomore season. At the end of the 1945-46 season, Sessums was selected "Most Athletic" in recognition of his accomplishments in all four sports.

Sessums continued his athletic career at Mississippi College, where he was a first team All Dixie Conference selection in football and basketball. He also served as basketball team captain. in addition, he again excelled in track, winning top honors in the 100-and -200 yard runs and 220 yard low hurdles in the Dixie Conference track meet. He set a new record in the low hurdles which remained until the conference was abolished.

Following graduation from MC in 1950, Sessums began a successful career as a teacher, coach, and school administrator.

He served one year as teacher/coach at Ethel High School before moving on to Drew High School where his football teams won the Delta Valley Conference title three of the four years he le d the program. His basketball and track teams also captured conference championships. During this period Sessums received "Coach of the Year" honors. He later served two years as principal at Nagee High School before assuming the same duties at Prentiss High School from 1957-67,

He left the field of education to become personnel director and later plant manager at Mississippi Industries for the Blind, where he was employed until 1972. At this time he began his career with the Miss. Department of Education that continued until his retirement in 1990. While serving with the education department, Sessums was elected to the Public Employees Retirement board, serving a six-year term. He also served as Board president for two-years.

Through the years Sessums has maintained his love of sports by officiating that football games from 1955 to 1990 and basketball contests for three years during that period. He currently serves as secretary of the Mississippi Football Officials Association where his duties including recruiting, training, and evaluating officials in addition to assigning them to games. He has served the past six years as State Director of the National High School Officials Association.

Sessums, who was inducted into the Mississippi College Sports Hall of Fame in 1981, is a former national president of the MO Alumni Association and played a major role in helping raise funds to construct the college's new football stadium.

In addition to his associates degree from East Central and bachelor's degree from MC, Sessums holds a master's degree in school administration and an educational specialist degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. He has completed additional course work at Mississippi College.

He is married to the former Marion Morrison of Haidelberg, who recently retired following a 31-year career in the feild of education. They have two grown children, Dr. Howard Sessums, Jr., a family physician in Vicksburg and Dr. Cathy Sessums, an OB/GYN in Hattiesburg. Dr. Howard Sessums is married to the former Lisa Carter of Greenwood and they have three sons, Hildon III, Carter and Robert.

APP

LAKE MESSENGER X
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

ARTHAGINIAN
ESHOBA DEMOCRAT
EWTON RECORD
IERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF 10-5-95

East Central homecoming activities to

Recognition of outstanding alumni and instructors along with the induction of new Athletic Hall of Fame members will highlight homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, October 10 at East Central Community College in Decatur. Also being honored are the 1945-46 and 1946-47 women's basketball teams and members of all classes ending in "8".

In addition, a special ceremony is scheduled Saturday morning to officially dedicate Founders' Gymnasium. Constructed in 1930 and still used for intramural and other activities, the old gym is named in tribute to Dr. Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Hunter, James "Jim" McDonald Thames and the many others who were instrumental in establishing then East Central Junior College in 1928.

Honorees this year include T.H. (Tam) Etheridge of Jackson, Alumnus of the Year; Nell Allen Rogers of Philadelphia, Alumna of the Year; Leesa Lee Wilkinson of Meridian, Academic Instructor of the Year; and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees Van Chancellor of Houston, Texas; Deborah Duncan Norwood of Philadelphia; and Howard Sesssum of Clinton.

Etheridge, a 1953 ECCC graduate, serves as chairman and chief executive officer of Choctaw Maid, Inc. in Carthage. Under Etheridge's leadership, Choctaw Maid Farms has grown from its humble beginnings in the 1950's to one of the nation's leading poultry companies. In addition to the processing plant and headquarters in Carthage, the company operates facilities in Forest, Crystal Springs, Pelahatchie, Union, Walnut Grove and Newton.

Etheridge's expertise in the poultry business is widely recognized, as he serves as chairman and chief executive officer of several corporations, all of which are engaged in the production, processing and marketing of poultry and poultry-related products. He has also served as an officer or board member of several other corporations involving insurance, laboratories, protein conversion, real estate and environmental services.

duction video company.

Wilkinson, keyboard instructor, began teaching at the College in 1985 after having taught public school music in the Newton County school system for two years. She was employed at East Central for eight years before moving to Conroe, Texas, where she taught fifth and sixth grade music at Creighton Intermediate School. She and her family returned to Mississippi in 1996 and she was rehired at the College.

In addition to her most recent honor, Wilkinson was also selected for the annual Lamplighter program in 1997, which recognizes the state's outstanding community and junior college instructors. She was recently chosen to judge a competition for the Alabama Music Teachers Association. Wilkinson has served as an accompanist for numerous recitals, choirs and various receptions. She has been the pianist for Poplar Springs Drive Methodist Church for eight years and has served as pit accompanist for Meridian Little Theatre production for almost four years.

A graduate of Forest High School, Wilkinson holds bachelor's and master's degrees in music education from Mississippi State University. She has completed additional course work at ECCC and the University of Southern Mississippi.

She is married to Keith Wilkinson, a simulator/flight instructor at the Naval Air Station in Meridian. They have a daughter, Kirstin Lee, age four.

Sessums, a former standout at Morton High School, was a four-sport letterman at East Central, excelling in football, basketball, baseball and track during the 1946-47 and 1947-48 college terms. He was an All-State selection as tailback his freshman season and received All-State honors both years as a forward on the Warrior basketball team. In addition, he won first place in the 100-and 200 yard dash and the 220-yard low hurdles in the state track meet his sophomore season. At the end of the 1945-46 season, Sessums was selected "Most Athletic" in recognition of his accomplishments in all four sports.

Sessums continued his athletic career at Mississippi College, where he was a first team All Dixie Conference selection in football and basketball. He also served as basketball team captain. In addition, he again excelled in track, winning top honors in the 100-and 220-yard low hurdles in the Dixie Conference track meet. He set a new record in the low hurdles which remained until the conference was abolished.

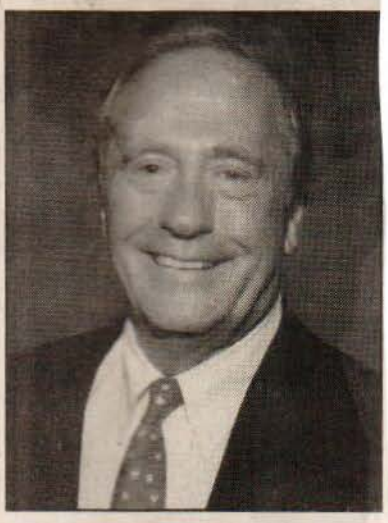
Following graduation from MC in 1950, Sessums began a successful career as a teacher, coach and school administrator.

He served one year as teacher/coach at Ethel High School before moving on to Drew High School where his football teams won the Delta Valley Conference title three of the four years he led the program. His basketball and track teams also captured conference championships. During this period Sessums received "Coach of the Year" honors. He later served two years as principal at Magee High School before assuming the same duties at Prentiss High School from 1957-67.

He left the field of education to become personnel director and later plant manager at Mississippi Industries for the Blind, where he was employed until 1972. At this time he began his career with the Miss. Department of Education that continued until his retirement in 1990. While serving with the education department, Sessums was elected to the Public Employees Retirement board, serving a six-year term. He also served as Board president for two years.

Through the years Sessums has maintained his love of sports by officiating football games from 1955 to 1990 and basketball contests for three years during that period. He currently serves as secretary of the Mississippi Football Officials Association where his duties including recruiting, training and evaluating officials in addition to assigning them to games. He has served the past six years as State Director of the National High School Officials Association.

Sessums, who was inducted into



Ethridge

the Mississippi College Sports Hall of Fame in 1981, is a former national president of the MC Alumni Association and played a major role in helping raise funds to construct the college's new football stadium.

In addition to his associate's degree from East Central and bachelor's degree from MC, Sessums holds a master's degree in school administration and an educational specialist degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. He has completed additional course work at Mississippi College.

He is married to the former Marion Morrison of Heidelberg, who recently retired following a 31-year career in the field of education. They have two grown children, Dr. Howard Sessums, Jr., a family physician in Vicksburg, and Dr. Cathy Sessums, an OB/GYN in Hattiesburg. Dr. Howard Sessums is married to the former Lisa Carter of Greenwood and they have three sons, Hildon III, Carter and Robert.

UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL _____
CLARION-LEDGER _____
OCRAT _____
NEWTON RECORD _____
MERIDIAN STAR _____

10-5-98

be held October 10

Wilkinson

Sessums

He was elected for two terms to serve as chairman of the poultry industry's National Trade Association with headquarters in Washington, D.C., and continues to serve on that Board. In addition, Etheridge has served as chairman of the Mississippi Poultry Association and the Mississippi Manufactures Association and continues to serve on these boards. He has also served as president of the Carthage Rotary Club, Carthage/Leake County Chamber of Commerce, Industrial Development Association, Airport Board and a member of the State Chamber of Commerce Board. In addition, he is a former president of the Reserve Officers Association, Mississippi Department.

In addition to his success in the poultry business, Etheridge experienced a rewarding military career, having reached the rank of Rear Admiral when he retired from service in 1990. In all, Etheridge's Navy career spanned 35 years, with three and half years served in active duty and the balance spent in the Reserves.

A graduate of Louisville High School, Etheridge received a bachelor's degree in accounting from Mississippi State University.

Etheridge and his wife, the former Nora Reagan, have two grown children. Eric Etheridge lives in New York where he works for Microsoft and is executive producer of New York Sidewalk, located on the Internet. His wife, Kate, is a playwright. Anne Etheridge lives in San Francisco where she is executive producer of Bay Area Video Coalition, a post-pro-

WEEK OF 10-5-98

PRESENTS DOOR PRIZES FOR MAC MEETING - Rick Graham (left) of Hattiesburg, education account executive for Mississippi Power Company, is shown presenting various items to Larry Hogue, director of development and alumni relations at East Central Community College, which will be used as door prizes at the Mississippi Association of Colleges annual conference scheduled October 18-20. This year's MAC meeting is being hosted by ECCC and will be held at Lake Tiak O'Khata and on the ECCC campus in Decatur. Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECCC president, serves as this year's MAC president. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 10-5-98

Leesa Lee Wilkinson
1998 Academic
Instructor of the Year

Wilkinson, keyboard instructor, began teaching at the College in 1985 after having taught public school music in the Newton County school system for two years. She was employed at East Central for eight years before moving to Conroe, Texas, where she taught fifth and sixth grade music at Creighton Intermediate School. She and her family returned to Mississippi in 1996 and she was rehired at the College.

In addition to her most recent honor, Wilkinson was also selected for the annual Lamplighter program in 1997, which recognizes the state's outstanding community and junior college instructors. She was also recently chosen to judge a competition for the Alabama Music Teachers Association. Wilkinson has served as a accompanist for numerous recitals, choirs, and various receptions. She has been the pianist for Poplar Springs Drive Methodist Church for eight years and has served as pit accompanist for Meridian Little Theater productions for almost four years.

A graduate of Forest High School, Wilkinson holds bachelor's and master's degrees in music education from Mississippi State University. She has completed additional course work at ECCC and the University of Southern Mississippi.

She is married to Keith Wilkinson, a simulator/flight instructor at the Naval Air Station in Meridian. They have a daughter, Kirstin Lee, age four.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER ✓
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER
CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF 10-5-98

Conrad Germany
1998 Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year

Germany, who teaches collision repair technology at the College's Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Center, has been employed at East Central since 1990.

Prior to joining the College staff, Germany taught auto body repair in the Escambia County School System in Pensacola, Florida. He and his family later moved to Union where he was employed in industry for a number of years. From 1986 to 1990 he was owner/operator of Germany' s Body Shop.

One of the highlights of Germany's career came when his youngest son, Randy, not only completed his collision repair technology program in 1995 but was the recipient of numerous honors. He placed first in the state VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) competition both years he attended East Central. In sophomore year after finishing eleventh at the annual competition as a freshman.

Among professional organizations of which Germany is a member include MAVE (Mississippi Association of Vocational Educators), VICA, AVA (American Vocational Association), and the Collision Repair Instructors Network through the ICAR (Inter-Industry Conference on Automobile Collision Repair) Education Foundation, which works through the colleges and secondary schools to improve the quality of students. He is also ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) certified.

A graduate of Scottsbluff (Nebraska) High School, Germany holds an associate of arts degree from ECCC and has completed additional studies at Pensacola (Florida) Junior College at the University of West Alabama. In addition, he has attended in-service workshops in Florida and Mississippi and received professional training certificates from General Motors, Mitchell International, Dupont, I-Car, Chief Automotive Systems and Akzo Nobel.

Germany is married to the former Patricia Pelfrey of Middletown, Ohio. In addition to Randy, who resides in Clinton and works in communications with the Mississippi Air National Guard, the Germanys have two other sons. Larry is a food services manager with Morrison's in Dalton, Georgia, and Donald is employed with Diversified Technology in Jackson. They also have two grandchildren, Jarod Moore and Todd Austin Germany.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER ✓
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES _____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL _____
CLARION-LEDGER _____
CARTHAGINIAN _____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT _____
NEWTON RECORD _____
MERIDIAN STAR _____

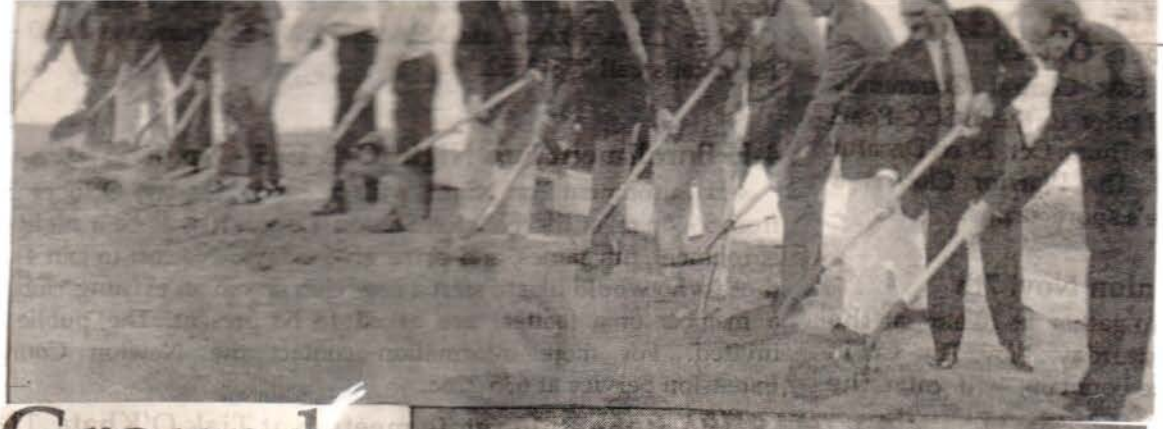
WEEK OF 10-19-98

ECCC'S FOUNDERS GYM DEDICATED - Members of the Thames (left) and Hunter families are shown admiring the inscription a commemorative plaque designating the old gym at East Central Community College as "The Founders Gymnasium" which was dedicated as part of Homecoming activities held October 10, 1998, on the Decatur campus. the campus landmark is named in tribute to Dr. Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Hunter, Mr. James "Jim" McDonald Thames, and the many others who were instrumental in the establishment of East Central Junior College in 1928. The facility was constructed in 1930 during the tenure of College President Roscoe C. Pugh. Program participants during the special ceremony included ECCC officials Dr. Eddie M. Smith, president, Dr. Phil Sutphin, dean of instruction, and Ross Price, ECCC vocal instructor; Dr. Clyde Muse, Hinds Community College president and ECCC alumnus who played basketball inteh old gym; Jack Thames of Newton, representing the Thames family; B.F. Hunter of Brookhaven, representing the Hunter family; and Dr. Bob Tom Johnson of Forest, owner of Johnson Educational Sales and ECCC alumnus who also played basketball in the old gym. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____



Ground-breaking for dorm at ECCC

Top photo: Dr. Eddie M. Smith (far right) and 13 other dignitaries participate in a ground-breaking ceremony for the new women's dorm on the ECCC South Campus last week. Above right: Dr. Smith congratulates Miss Erma Lee Barber on the beginning of the construction phase of the dormitory which, when completed, will bear her name.

As heavy machinery growled in the background, 14 dignitaries scooped up shovelsful of dirt on the South Campus at East Central Community College to celebrate the construction of a new women's dormitory.

The new dorm will be named Erma Lee Barber Hall to honor Miss Barber, a long-time employee of ECCC. At 92, the retired Dean of Women still lives in Decatur.

"We've been looking forward to this event for a long time," said Dr. Smith in his address. [And] we are very happy that although the official ground-breaking is today, MCO Construction Company has already initiated work on the project."

ECCC has been in dire need of expanded dormitory facilities for many years, especially for female students, Smith said. "As our enrollment has continued to grow over the years, the need for more dormitory space, especially for our female students, has become more and more critical," he said.

The dorm construction project will be funded by a $3 million loan from USDA Rural Development. The loan will be repaid with support funding provided by tax levies in the five counties that make up ECCC's service district: Newton, Neshoba, Scott, Leake and Winston counties.

The new dorm will include 26,529 square feet of floor space and will be built and furnished for a total cost of $3,086,715. The building will have 64 rooms with double occupancy, providing space for 128 students plus the dorm supervisor.

While the new female dorm was in the planning stages, the ECCC Board of Trustees voted on Oct. 14, 1997 to name the dorm after Erma Lee Barber.

Peabody College in Nashville, Tennessee.

She taught at schools in Smith County, Raleigh, Madden, Vicksburg and Leland before accepting a position as assistant state supervisor of home economics in 1946. In 1947 she went to Mississippi State College for Women to work as the social adviser.

Barber was employed at ECCC in 1952 by Dr. L.O. Todd, the second president of the college.

"It is a matter of record that Miss Barber personally provided financial help to a number of girls so that they could complete their college work at East Central," Dr. Smith said. "During

that were in some instanc very difficult to enforce."

Barber served as Dean Women at ECCC from June 1952 until her retirement on Jul 1, 1971.

Construction of the new fa cility is expected to be com pleted in time for occupancy fo the 1999-2000 school year.

Participants in the ground breaking included Billy Nicholson, Jerry Nance, Dr Phil Sutphin, Randall Lee Laura Ming, Joe McDorman Jr. William Simpson, Freddie Terrell, Mike Allen, Charle Moulds, Steve Lee, Mike Peter son and Wayne Barber.

WINSTON COUNTY
CLARION-LEDGER

WEEK OF 10-19-98

ECCC HOMECOMING HONOREES - Recipients of Alumni Association honors presented during homecoming activities held October 10, 1998, at East Central Community College in Decatur included (seated from left) T.H. "Tam" Etheridge of Jackson, *Alumnus of the Year;* Nell Allen Rogers of Philadelphia, Alumna of the Year; Leesa Lee Wilkinson of Meridian, *Academic Instructor of the Year;* and Conrad Germany of Union, *Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year;* and (standing from left) Coach Van Chancellor of Houston, Texas, Deborah Norwood Duncan of Philadelphia and Howard Sessums of Clinton, new inductees into the college's *Athletic Hall of Fame.* Etheridge (Class of 1953) serves as chairman and chief executive officer of Choctaw Maid Farms, Inc. in Carthage. Rogers, who attended East Central during the 1965-66 College terms, serves as congressional liaison for the Mississippi Band of Chocatw Indians in Philadelphia. Wilkinson is a music keyboard instructor and Germany teaches collision repair technology. A Louisville native, Chancellor (Class of 1963) is head coach/general manager of the WNBA Houston Comets, winners of the league's first tow championship titles. He also had a successful coaching career leading the Ole Miss Lady Rebel basketball program. Duncan (Class of 1970) is a teacher/coach at Neshoba Central High School and a former standout athlete at Louisville High School, National Business College, ECJC and Mississippi State College for Women, where she earned All-American honors. She also had a successful coaching career. Sessums (Class of 1947) retired Director of Personnel for the Mississippi Department of Education, is former standout athlete at Morton High School, East Central and Mississippi College. He also had a successful coaching and officiating career. The awards were presented at the annual Alumni Luncheon held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 10-19-95

EC to hold 'Arts and Humanities' activities

An evening of music featuring the lyrics of Ovid Vickers and the music of Dr. James Sclater performed by recognized tenor Ross Price and Leesa Lee Wilkinson, pianist, will highlight Arts and Humanities Month activities scheduled at East Central Community College in Decatur. The special program begins at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 27 in the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts Center auditorium. Admission is free.

Price, a vocal instructor at ECCC, will be accompanied on the piano by Wilkinson, keyboard instructor at the College, as they present, "Songs through the Ages," which includes the music of Handel, Mozart, Faure and Sclater. Both instructors were recently selected as the College's outstanding humanities faculty members for 1998, an annual recognition sponsored by the Mississippi Humanities Council. The Council provides a stipend for the award recipients in addition to recognizing the honorees in the winter issue of Focus on the Humanities.

The ECCC program will include the presentation of "Beyond the Rainbow," a cycle of poems by Ovid Vickers who retired from full-time teaching duties at East Central Community College in 1995. Vickers, a published poet, freelance writer and recognized writer and speaker in the field of folklore, will read six of his original works. These six poems, which have been set to music by Dr. Sclater, a widely known composer and member of the Mississippi College music faculty, will also be performed by Price and Wilkinson.

Price, who resides in Union, has performed leading roles with major opera companies and symphony orchestras across the United States. His performances have been saluted by Opera News magazine, and he has received rave reviews by major American critics.

He is a former student of internationally acclaimed soprano, Phyliss Curtin, and has performed under such conductors as Andre Previn, Sarah Caldwell, Seiji Ozawa and Leonard Bernstein. On two occasions he was selected to participate in the Berkshire Summer Music Festival at Tanglewood, Massachusetts. At the age of 25, Price made his operatic debut with the Opera Company of Boston.

Price has performed with the Boston Symphony Orchestra and was featured soloist at the Dallas Lyric Opera, Tanglewood Festival, Shreveport Opera, Opera New England, the San Antonio Festival, Mississippi Opera and the Austin Lyric Opera.

For the past three seasons he has been the tenor soloist with the Mississippi Symphony in Messiah, a work he has performed in whole or part over 40 times. Upcoming performance include a guest appearance with the Mississippi Symphony in Jackson on December 4, and he will be the featured tenor soloist for the East Central Community College presentation of Messiah on December 8. He is also scheduled to perform for a Community Arts recital in Forest on January 10 and will be the featured soloist in the performance of Haydn's "Creation" with the Mississippi Symphony at Mississippi College in March.

A graduate of Union High School, Price attended East Central Junior college and received a bachelor's degree in church music and a master's degree in vocal performance from Mississippi College, where he studied with Gerald Claxton. As previously mentioned, Price has completed additional coursework at Boston University.

He is married to the former Stephanie Moore of Kosciusko and they have a son, Will.

Wilkinson, in addition to her teaching duties, serves as accompanist for the College's concert choir and spring musical presentations. She has also performed in many concerts and recitals and currently serves as accompanist for Poplar Springs Methodist Church in Meridian and frequently for the Meridian Little Theatre. She was chosen ECCC's "Academic Instructor of the Year" for 1998.

A graduate of Forest High School, Wilkinson attended East Central Junior College and received bachelor's and master's degrees in music education from Mississippi State University. She has completed further studies at the University of Southern Mississippi.

She is married to Keith Wilkinson, a simulator/flight instructor at the Naval Air Station in Meridian. They have a daughter, Kirstin.

Former Mississippi governor William Winter will introduce the program followed by Dr. Jerry Ward of Tougaloo College who will discuss Vickers' writings. At the conclusion of the program, Carol Shackelford of the ECCC English faculty will critique the program.

(This program is financially assisted by the National Endowment for the Humanities through the Mississippi Humanities Council. The views expressed herein do not necessarily represent those of the Mississippi Humanities Council or the National Endowment for the Humanities).

CRAT

D

WEEK OF 10-26-98

ATTEND ECCC CLASS REUNION - Above are members of the Alumni Band at East Central Community College who attended reunion activities and performed during halftime activities as part of the Homecoming '98 celebration held October 10. Standing from left (first row) are Richard Edwards, Hattiesburg; Debbie Clark and Jason Alford, both of Cleveland; Gary Moody, Walnut Grove; Melissa Strickland, Morton; Bill Simkins and Bill Rowzee, both of Decatur; and Corinne Cross Neal, Hunington Beach, California. Standing fromleft are Tom Carson, ECCC Director of Bands, Decatur; Elijah Ben, Cleveland; Phillip Triplett, Jackson; Jim Savell, Hattiesburg; Ty Jankowski, Forest; Brent Warren, Pulaski; Josh Bamberg, Cleveland; and Jared Brownlee, ECCC assistant band director, Meridian. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 10-30-98

ECCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OFFICERS - The Alumni Association of East Central Community College recently elected offices for the 1998-99 term. Speedy Calvert (left) of Louisville serves as president and Rep. Dick Livingston of Pulaski is vice president. Not pictured is James Vance of Meridian who serves as secretary. The new officers were presented during the 1998 Homecoming festivities held recently on the Decatur campus. (EC Photo)

ATTEND ECCC CLASS REUNION - Above are members of the class of 1978 at East Central Community College who attended reunion activities held October 10 as part of the Homecoming '98 celebration. Seated from left are Sherry Suttle, Noxapater; Donna Lindsey Harrell, Morton; and Shelia Pryor, Forest. Standing from left are Paul Lowrey and Ricky Harrison, both of Decatur. (ECCC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 10-21-98

ATTEND ECCC CLASS REUNION - Above are members of the 1945-46 and 1946-47 women's basketball team at East Central Community College who attended reunion activities held October 10 as part of the Homecoming '98 celebration. Seated from left are Frances Aycock Johnson, Decatur, and Mary Ann Tabor Sessions, Long Beach. Standing from left are Imogene Johnson Borganelli, Greenville; Eloise Rea Stokes, Philadelphia; Ann Leech Procter, Arlington, Tennessee; and Kathryn Reeves Walter, Newton. (ECCC Photo)

ATTEND ECCC CLASS REUNION - Above are members of the Class of 1968 at East Central Community College who attended reunion activities held October 10 as part of the Homecoming '98 celebration. Seated from left are Gary Ann Moore and Cornelia Grimes, both of Carthage; and Beverly Hollingsworth, Forest. Standing from left are Ike Latimer, Philadelphia; Billy Ganann, Collinsville; Sandy Keenan, Bay Springs; Sandra Amis, Conehatta; and Dana Roby Moore, Ocean Springs. (ECCC Photo)

APPEARED IN:
LAKE MESSEN
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF 10-25-98

Attend ECCC class reunion

Above are members of the Class of 1948 at East Central Community College who attended reunion activities held October 10 as part of the Homecoming '98 celebration. Seated from left are Evelyn Rowzee Craft, Bartlett, Tennessee; Ollie Fay Wood Flint, Philadelphia; Ann Leech Proctor, Arlington, Tennessee; June Tobelman, Decatur; Dorothy Crenshaw Young, Louisville; Fannie McCann, Jackson; Mary Ann Tabor Sessions, Long Beach; Coy Smith Jefcoat, Meridian; and Doris Henley Murphy, Clinton. Standing from left are Gene Earp, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Jim Wood, Louisville; Dr. Brad Tucker, Decatur; Howard Sessums, Clinton; Paul Simmons, Louisville; Bernell Adkins, Union; James McCann, Jackson; Louis Randy Walsh, Clinton; James K. Moore, Argyle, Texas; James Jefcoat, Meridian; Jim Walton, Laurel; and Harold Murphy, Clinton.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ✓
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF _____

Livingston named EC Alumni Association VP

The Alumni Association of East Central Community College recently elected officers for the 1998-99 term. Speedy Calvert (left) of Louisville serves as president and Rep. Dick Livingston of Pulaski is vice president. Not pictured is James Vance of Meridian who serves as secretary. The new officers were presented during the 1998 Homecoming festivities held recently on the Decatur campus.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 10-26-98

Class of '38...

ATTEND ECCC CLASS REUNION....Above are members of the Class of 193 8 at East Central Community College who attended reunion activities held October 10 as part of the Homecoming "98 celebration. Seated from left are Lucille Starling, Biloxi; lane Luke, Louisville; and Annie Pendergrass, Noxapater. Standing from left are Homer Hunter, Decatur; James Land, Union; and Travis Hill, Louisville. For more information regarding alumni activities contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations,

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 11-2-98

Attend ECCC class reunion

Above are members of the Class of 1968 at East Central Community College who attended reunion activities held Oct. 10 as part of the Homecoming '98 celebration. Seated from left are Gary Ann Moore and Cornelia Grimes, both of Carthage; and Beverly Hollingsworth, Forest. Standing from left are Ike Latimer, Philadelphia; Billy Ganann, Collinsville; Sandy Keenan, Bay Springs; Sandra Amis, Conehatta; and Dana Roby Moore, Ocean Springs. For more information regarding alumni activities contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, or call toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 323.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ✓
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 11-2-98

Attend ECCC class reunion

Above are members of the 1945-46 and 1946-47 women's basketball team at East Central Community College who attended reunion activities held Oct. 10 as part of the Homecoming '98 celebration. Seated from left are Frances Aycock Johnson, Decatur, and Mary Ann Tabor Sessions, Long Beach. Standing from left are Imogene Johnson Borganelli, Greenville; Eloise Rea Stokes, Philadelphia; Ann Leech Procter, Arlington, Tennessee; and Kathryn Reeves Walter, Newton. For more information regarding alumni activities contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, or call toll free, 1877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 323.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER _____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES _____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL _____
CLARION-LEDGER _____
CARTHAGINIAN _____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT X
NEWTON RECORD _____
MERIDIAN STAR _____

WEEK OF 11-2-98

Brackeen named EC cosmetology instructor

Wanda Brackeen of Hickory was recently named cosmetology instructor at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Eddie M. Smith, College president.

Brackeen, who began her new duties on October 1, 1998, previously served as owner/operator of Wanda's Beauty Shop in Hickory. She is also a former instructor at Hatfield's College of Beauty Culture in Laurel and at Final Touch Beauty School in Meridian.

A graduate of Hickory High School, Brackeen holds a certificate in cosmetology and a teacher training certificate in cosmetology from East Central Community College.

Brackeen is an active member of the Hickory Chamber of Commerce and Sand Springs Baptist Church.

She is married to Wayne Brackeen and they have three children and four grandchildren.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL ✓

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 11-9-98

Smith honored for service

Dr. Eddie M. Smith, right, president of East Central Community College, received a plaque of appreciation in recognition of his service as president of the Mississippi Association of Colleges for the 1997-98 term. Shown with Dr. Smith is new MAC president Dr. Howell Todd who made the presentation at the annual MAC Junior/Senior College Conference hosted by ECCC and held at Lake TiakO'Khata and on the College's Decatur campus. Dr. Todd serves as president of Mississippi College in Clinton. (EC photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ✓
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 11-23-98

CCC Board of Trustees

Serving as members of the East Central Community ollege Board of Trustees are (seated from left) Silas 'Neal, Carthage; Billy Nicholson, vice chairman, Union; erry Nance, secretary, Louisville; Prentice Copeland, hairman, Philadelphia; Janie Wilbanks, Carthage; and andal Livingston and Dr. John Garner, both of Louisville; econd row) Billy Pierce, Decatur; W. Edward Kitchings, arthage; Bill Thames, Newton; Gary McDill, Conehatta; eo Parker, Noxapater; James E. Petty, Carthage; and Delane Hudson, Louisville; and (back row) Jack Winstead, Lawrence; Frank McCurdy, Morton; Jackie L. Bradford, Forest; Paul Simmons, Louisville; Dale Rogers, Walnut Grove; Tommy Harrison, Forest; and Jerry K. Moore, Carthage. Not pictured are Ramona Adcock, Rivers Breazele and Steve Nelson, all of Philadelphia; Edsel Cliburn, Union; Myrtle Burton, Newton; A.F. Hollingsworth, Lake; and Rebecca Farris and Vernon Crotwell, both of Morton.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN ✓
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 11-30-98

Alumni band members perform

Above are members of the Alumni Band at East Central Community College who attended reunion activities and performed during halftime activities as part of the Homecoming '98 celebration held recently. Standing from left (first row) are Richard Edwards, Hattiesburg; Debbie Clark and Jason Alford, both of Cleveland; Gary Moody, Walnut Grove; Melissa Strickland, Morton; Bill Simkins and Bill Rowzee, both of Decatur; and Corrine Cross Neal, Hunington Beach, CA. Standing from left, are Tom Carson, ECCC Director of Bands, Decatur; Elijah Ben, Cleveland; Phillip Triplett, Jackson; Jim Savell, Hattiesburg; Ty Jankowski, Forest; Brent Warren, Pulaski; Josh Bamberg, Cleveland; and Jared Brownlee, ECCC assistant band director, Meridian. For more information regarding alumni activities contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, or call toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 323.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 11-30-98

Area legislators visit East Central Community College

Among area legislators and college officials who attended the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges Regional Legislative Meeting held at East Central Community College in Decatur included (from left) Representatives V.C. Manning of Philadelphia, Raymond Comans of Decatur and Richard L. (Dick) Livingston of Pulaski; Senator Terry C. Burton of Newton; Representative Robert J. (Bobby) Moody of Louisville; and Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECCC president. Purpose of the annual meeting is the presentation of the MACJC legislative recommendations for the 1999 legislative session. Program participants included Dr. Smith; Dr. Tommy Davis, president, East Mississippi Community College; Dr. Scott Elliott, president, Meridian Community College; Kenneth Taylor, president, Mississippi Community and Junior College Faculty Association; Dr. Olon E. Ray, executive director, State Board of Community and Junior Colleges; Dr. Clyde Muse, MACJC Legislative Chairman and president of Hinds Community College; and Al Sleppy and Charles Holder, representing the State Workforce Development Council.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 12-7-98

Carol Vickers to autograph book Sunday in Decatur

Decatur resident Carol Vickers has been writing for most of her life, but it was not until recently that she realized the lifelong dream of publishing a book.

Vickers, daughter of Elsie Farish and the late Obe Farish of the Stallo community, will sign copies of "The Llama's Pajamas: A Quilt Story," from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Union Planters Bank conference room in Decatur.

The public is invited. The book signing is sponsored by the Decatur Women's Progressive Club.

Vickers' book combines her love of children, of writing and of the art of quilting. Published by Walker Printing Company of Montgomery, Ala., the story is written for an audience of children between the ages of 5 and 10.

The book is the delightful story of Michael, a little boy who is given a quilt by his grandmother but almost loses it because a llama has a greater appreciation for the quilt than its young owner does. Through a series of humorous incidents in which Michael's quilt is stolen by a monkey and used as a napping quilt by a bear, Michael comes to realize the value of his grandmother's quilt.

Illustrations for the book were done by Roger Poole, a graphic artist in Montgomery.

"Roger's illustrations are what makes the book," Vickers said. "My words wouldn't mean as much to an audience of children without good illustrations. He was able to catch exactly the spirit I had envisioned, and I think people will like his work."

One-half of the proceeds from any book sold at the autograph party will go toward the children's collection of the Decatur Public Library.

Carol Vickers displays the cover of her recently published book, "The Llama's Pajamas: A Quilt Story." She will autograph copies of the publication from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Union Planters Bank Conference Room in Decatur. Mrs. Vickers and her husband, Ovid, have three children and three grandchildren.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ✓
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 12-7-98

East Central Community College Board of Trustees

Serving as members of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees are(seated from left) Silas O'Neal, Carthage; Billy Nicholson, vice chairman, Union; Jerry Nance, secretary, Louisville; Prentice Copeland, chairman, Philadelphia; Janie Wilbanks, Carthage; and Randal Livinston and Dr. John Garner, both of Louisville; (second row, from left) Billy Pierce, Decatur; W. Edward Kitchings, Carthage; Bill Thames, Newton; Gary McDill, Conehatta; Leo Parker, Noxapater; James E. Petty, Carthage; and Delane Hudson, Louisville; and (back row, from left) Jack Winstead, Lawrence; Frank McCurdy, Norton; Jackie L. Bradford, Forest; Paul Simmons, Louisville; Dale Rogers, Walnut Grove; Tommy Harrison, Forest; and Jerry K. Moore, Carthage. Not pictured are Ramona Adcock, Rivers Breazeale and Steve Nelson, all of Philadelphia; Edsel Cliburn, Union; Myrtle Burton, Newton; A.F. Hollingsworth, Lake; and Rebecca Farris and Vernon Crotwell, both of Morton.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL ✓
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 12-14-98

NEW ECCC ARCHWAY/MARQUEE - Construction is complete on a new archway/electronic marquee located at the main entrance of East Central Community College in Decatur. The $60,000 project is being financed by donations, as alumni and friends of the college purchased inscribed bricks and plaques which are prominently displayed on both sides of the two columns. The structure is a re-creation of the archway that greeted campus visitors from 1951 through the late 1970's and was torn down to create parking spaces. Contributions are still being received for the campus addition, referred to as the "Welcome Home Project," and can be sent to the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, ECCC, Decatur, Miss. 39327 or call 635-2111, ext. 323.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 12-14-98

WWF HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION of the world from the 1980's "The Million Dollar Man" Ted DiBiase will share his testimony at Huff Auditorium on the campus of East Central Community College on December 18th sponsored by Clarke-Venable Baptist Church. Mr. DeBiase is a Christian who feels called to share his life's story on how the Lord changed his life. Everyone is invited to attend. Mr. DeBiase will speak at two different times - at 6 p.m. he will share his testimony with families (adults and children) and at 8 p.m. he will share his life changing story with youth groups. Tickets are $5 for adults at the door and children 12 and under the cost is $2. For more information contact Clarke-Venable Baptist Church at 635-2828.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ✓
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 12-14-98

ECCC FOUNDATION BOARD - Members of the Board of Directors of the East Central Community College Foundation, Inc. recently met on the Decatur campus and received an update on Foundation and College matters. Overall, the Foundation has secured $598,616.28 in cash and in-kind contributions over the past two years, since its activation in September, 1996. Overall multi-year pledges total some $850,000 over with five years, with cash and long-term pledges expected to total $1 million in the near future. The Board is currently raising funds to have portraits made of all individuals for whom buildings have been named. to date, 14 people have had buildings named in their honor since the College was founded in 1928, with portraits of only four individuals currently on display. total cost of the project is estimated at over $3000. Board members include (seated from left) Dr. John Gipson, Newton; Dr. Pam Kirk (vice chairman), Louisville; and David Howell (chairman), Carthage; Prentice Copeland of Philadelphia, ECCC Board of Trustees Chairman; and Ann Burkes, ECCC head librarian; and (standing from left) Harvey Trapp, Secretary -Treasurer, ECCC business manager; Randall E. Lee, ECCC dean of students; Board member George Taylor, Forest; Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECCC president; and Larry Hogue, ECCC director of development and alumni relations. Not pictured is Jimmy Prince of Philadelphia.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 12-14-98

DECATUR CHAMBER OFFICERS - selected to serve as officers of the Greater Decatur Chamber of Commerce for 1998-99 are from left: Jan Addy, president; Dr. Eddie M. Smith, first vice president; Lois Cooper, second vice president; and Dr. Esther B. Smith, secretary-treasurer. The new slate of officers was presented at the Chamber's annual membership banquet held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria at East Central Community College in Decatur. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD √
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 12-21-98

Nontraditional scholarships available at ECCC

East Central Community College in Decatur continues to provide financial assistance to adults who are interested in continuing their education. Nontraditional student tuition scholarships are available to any qualified Mississippi resident 23 years of age or older, at the time of initial enrollment, who enrolls full-time at ECCC.

The scholarship is available to students for three consecutive semesters following the first 12 semester hours earned as either a part-time or full-time student at East Central. To be eligible, a recipient:

1. Must enroll as a full-time academic or technical student on the Decatur campus;

2. Must have earned all previous college credit as a student at East Central;

3. Must have earned a minimum of 12 semester hours but no more than 21 semester hours of college credit as either full-time or part-time student at East Central Community College.

4. Must have demonstrated the capacity and a strong desire to obtain a college education by maintaining a 3.0 GPA or higher for each previous semester at East central;

5. Must complete a scholarship application form and submit it to the Dean of Students' Office; and

6. Must show potential for leadership, academic excellence, and have high moral standards and good character as documented by two letters of recommendation.

For more information, contact Randall E. Lee, Dean of Students, at ECCC, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss 39327, phone 635-2111, or call toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222).

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ✓

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 12-28-98

Board to raise money for portraits

ECCC Board of Directors plan to raise money for portraits of those who have buildings named after them on the ECCC campus.

Members of the Board of Directors of the East Central Community College Foundiation, Inc. recently met on the Decatur campus and received an update on Foundation and College matters. Overall, the Foundation has secured $598,616.28 in cash and in-kind contribution over the past two years, since its activiation in September, 1996. Overall multi-year pledges total some $850,000 over the past five years, with cash and long-term pledges expected to total some $1 million in the near future. The Board is currently raising funds to have portraits made of all individuals for whom buildings have been named. To date, 14 people have had buildings named in their honor since the college was founded in 1928, with portraits of only four individuals currently on display. Total cost of the project is estimated at over $3000. Board members include (seated from left) Dr. John Gipson, of Newton; Dr. Pam Kirk (vice chairman), of Louisville; and David Howell (chairman), Carthage; Prentice Copeland of Philadelphia, ECCC Board of Trustees Chairman; and Ann Burkes, ECCC head librarian; and (standing from left) Harvey Trapp (secretary-treasurer), ECCC business manager; Randall E. Lee, ECCC dsean of students; Board member George Taylor, Forest; Dr. Eddie M. Smith, ECCC president; and Larry Hogue, ECCC director of development and alumni relation. Not pictured is Jimmy Prince of Philadelphia. For more information contact the ECCC Alumni Office, Ph 635-2111 or call free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), EXT. 323.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL ✓

CLARION-LEDGER_____

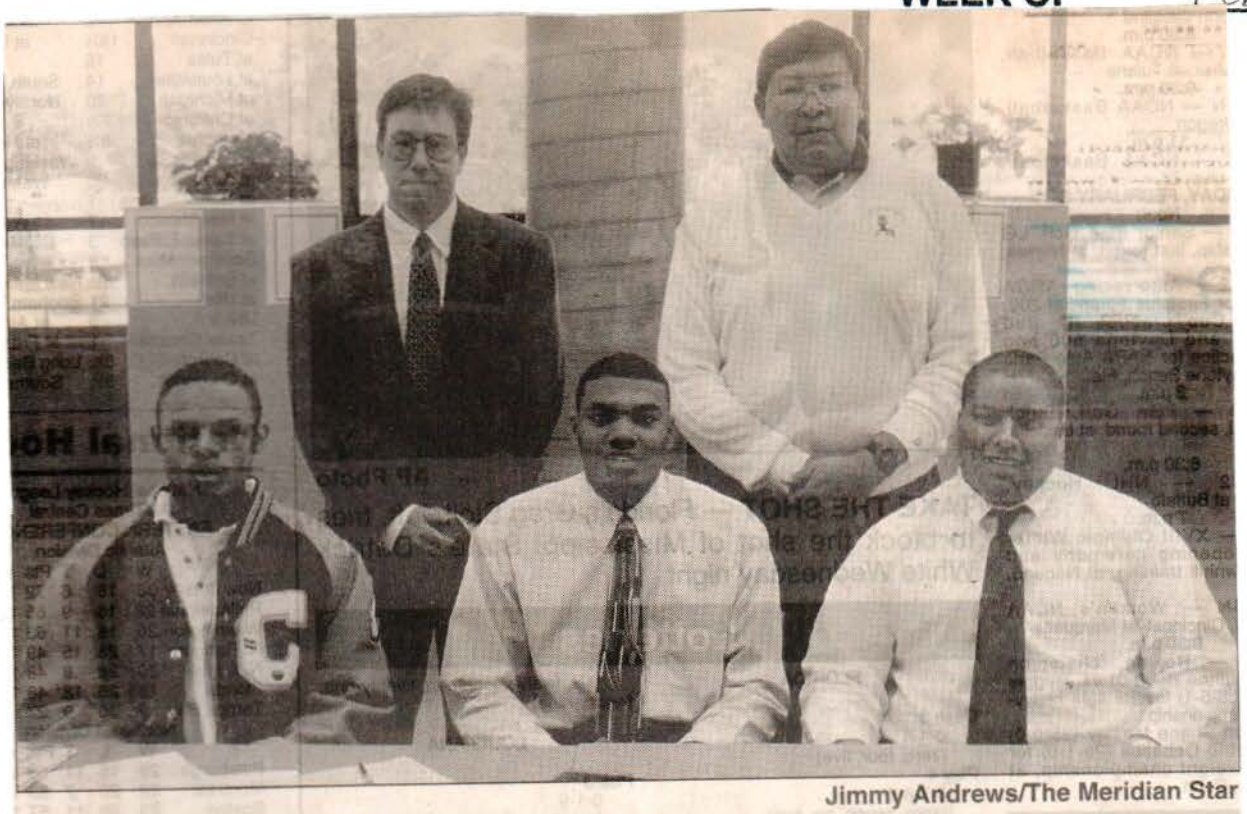
CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Feb 6, 1998



Jimmy Andrews/The Meridian Star

COLLEGE BOUND — Choctaw Central's Randy Tangle, left, Ivan Billie, center, and Dominic Hernandez signed Wednesday to play football collegiately as Warriors head football coach Tommy McCool, standing left, and athletic director Walter Wilson look on. Billie signed with Mississippi State, while Tangle and Hernandez signed with East Central Community College.

ECCC sends players to the next leve

By **Murray Coleman**
The Meridian Star

The East Central Community College Warriors lost some key performers Wednesday.

But ECC coaches say they understand.

"You always hate to lose them and we're sorry to see them go. But at the same time, we're real happy for all these guys," said Terry Underwood, defensive coordinator for ECC.

Some key Warriors transferring to four-year programs Wednesday included:

• Kicker Shaun Walker, who Underwood says is almost a sure bet from 48 yards and in, signed with Southeastern Missouri State. "He's definitely a Division 1 kicker," said Underwood.

• Quarterback Al Hunt, who was a first-team JuCo All-American last season as a punter after averaging 44.1 yards per kick, signed with Division II Wingate University in North Carolina.

• Dejuan Clark, an All-Region JuCo linebacker, signed with Kentucky State. Another starter at the position, Kenny Kelley, opted to play for Auburn after courtships with Ole Miss, Southern Miss and several other major colleges across the country.

• Two ECC defensive linemen, William Curry and Delvin Rainer, decided to transfer to Jacksonville State.

A third, Kendrick Clancy, signed with Ole Miss. "Clancy graduated early and actually enrolled at Ole Miss already," said Underwood. "He'll be participating in their spring training, which I'm sure will help him make and even bi impact on their football gram."

The 6-foot-2, 262 po Clancy produced more than tackles last season and reco eight sacks. "He's just one g football player," Underwood.

• Joey Pinkston, who more interceptions than other JuCo defensive back i country last season wit thefts, signed with Soutl Miss.

"They wanted him out of school but he didn't have grades," said Underwood o player who earned honor mention to the JuCo American team last season. also has a brother, Todd, plays wide receiver for Sout Miss. So they've had their on him for quite some time."

ECCC Players Moving On

ECCC Players Moving On

School	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	College
ECCC	Kendrick Clancy	DL	6-2	262	Ole Miss
ECCC	Dejuan Clark	LB	5-11	202	Kentucky St.
ECCC	William Curry	DE	6-2	242	Jacksonville St.
ECCC	Al Hunt	QB/P	5-10	198	Wingate University
ECCC	Kenny Kelly	LB	6-0	201	Auburn
ECCC	Jason Nixon	OL	6-3	265	NW Oklahoma
ECCC	Joey Pinkston	DB	6-1	184	Southern Miss.
ECCC	Mack Pittman	RB	5-10	225	Carson Newman
ECCC	Delvin Rainer	DL	6-3	245	Jacksonville St.
ECCC	Bo Thomas	OL	6-4	272	Tennessee St.
ECCC	Shaun Walker	K	5-10	166	SE Missouri St.

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

Week of 6-15-98

Classic on Saturday

Community College baseball coach Jamie Clark has signed a pair of left-handed pitchers for his 1999 team.

Jayeson McDonald is a 6-foot-1, 175-pound pitcher/outfielder from Northport, Ala., while Ken Gregory is a 6-foot-1, 180-pound pitcher/outfielder from Oak Grove, La.

• **Gressett inks with La. Tech:** EC pitcher Dan Gressett (6-5, 180) recently signed a baseball scholarship with Louisiana Tech.

Gressett was 9-2 this past year as the Warriors went 32-22 and won the MACJC state championship.

He was a first team all-state and All-Region 23 selection.

Gressett was 6-6 during his freshman year at EC.

Gressett is the fourth EC player to sign with Louisiana Tech in the last four years.

• **Rush-Welch win Quitman 4-Ball:** Joe Rush Jr. of Philadelphia and Bo Welch of Union won the annual Quitman 4-Ball Tournament last weekend with a 61-68–129.

Steve and Joel Nelson were second with a 64-68–132.

• **Summer Blowout Softball tourney at CAFB:** The men's Summer Blowout Softball Tournament will be held at Columbus Air Force Base, Friday-Saturday.

Entry fee is $125.

For more information, call Clyde or Adam Jackson 327-1604.

• **Coats gets check:** Kristi Coats, daughter of former ECCC head football coach Willie Coats, shot an even-par 288 to earn $3,159 in the LPGA Oldsmobile Classic at East Lansing, Mich., last weekend.

WEEK OF 6-15-92

Watson, Billie in Alabama-Mississippi

The 11th-annual Alabama-Mississippi High School Football All-Star Classic is set for Saturday night with two Neshoba County athletes slated to participate.

The game will be televised by Fox Sports South at 8 p.m. The telecast from Ladd-Peebles Stadium in Mobile, Ala., marks the fourth year for the game to be televised by Fox.

Among those involved in the telecast is Cooper Manning who will lend insight from the sidelines.

Kyle Watson

Ivan Billie

Sports with Marty Stamper

Neshoba Central will be represented by offensive lineman Kyle Watson (6-1, 280), while tight end Ivan Billie (6-3, 210) will represent Choctaw Central.

Of Alabama's 35 players, 25 signed with Division I schools, while only 20 of Mississippi's 35 players inked with D-I schools.

Leading the Alabama roster is Pelham High quarterback Tyler Watts.

Former Neshoba Central head coach Chuck Friend is the administrative coach for the Mississippi team.

Alabama holds a 6-4 lead in the series after last year's 10-6 win.

• **Mississippi bombs in basketball all-star games:** During the 1997-98 basketball season, many coaches said high school basketball in general in Mississippi was as bad as they could remember it being.

The Mississippi teams did nothing to disprove that opinion during Saturday's all-star games with Alabama at Mississippi College.

The Mississippi boys took a 111-76 drubbing from Alabama, while the Mississippi girls lost 105-84.

Ivan Billie of Choctaw Central had two points and four rebounds in 12 minutes of action for Mississippi.

• **Clark adds pair of lefties to EC baseball roster:** East Central

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ✓

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

Week 07 6-1-98

That year the Wildcats lost to Mississippi Delta for the state title. Kelly played offensive guard and linebacker on the 1972 team which posted a 9-1 mark. He was selected as an Outstanding College Athlete of America following the 1972 campaign.

Kelly was also a standout athlete at Hattiesburg High School where he earned All-Big Eight honors and was selected permanent team captain.

He and his wife, Debbie, have two sons, Shane and Michael.

Mangum served the past year at Collins which advanced to first-round action of the South State playoffs. He also taught sociology and psychology.

The 1983 squad won the state championship and was ranked seventh in the nation. Mangum was also a member of the track team and recipient of the WBSJ Leadership Award.

A graduate of Mount Olive High School, Mangum was All-Conference in football and basketball for three years and was selected Most Athletic in addition to various other honors and activities.

His professional activities include his participation at various coaching clinics and camps throughout the South.

He and his wife, Kim, have two children, Natalie and Will.

The new assistants join returning coach Tim Coats who begins his fourth season on the Warrior staff. Coats will continue to coach defensive backs along with serving in his new role as defensive coordinator.

East Central begins the 1998 season by traveling to Northwest Mississippi Community College on Sept. 3.

WEEK OF 6-1-98

New faces dot ECCC football coaching roster

East Central Community College head football coach Terry Underwood has announced the selection of two new staff assistants.

Joining the Warrior staff are Steve Kelly of Poplarville, a former assistant at Pearl River Community College, and Todd Mangum of Magee, former head coach at Collins High School.

In his new role, Kelly will coach linebackers and special teams. He served the past five seasons at PRCC where his duties included coaching defensive linemen, linebackers, and defensive backs. He was also in charge of recruiting players from various parts of Alabama and Georgia.

Prior to joining the PRCC staff, Kelly served two years as a graduate assistant at the University of Southern Mississippi where he worked with the secondary during 1992-93 and assisted in coaching offensive linemen and tight ends the previous year.

He is also a former insurance sales representative and later sales manager.

Kelly holds a master's degree in coaching and sports administration from USM where he also received a bachelor's degree in outdoor recreation. In addition, he is a graduate of PRCC where he was an honorable mention All-American lineman on the 1973 squad which won the MACJC South Division championship.

Kelly

Mangum

Prior to taking over the Collins program, Mangum served as head football coach and athletic director at Seminary High School during 1996-97 which also competed in the South State playoffs. In addition to his coaching and administrative duties, Mangum taught drivers' education.

Mangum was head football coach an athletic director at McLaurin Attendance Center in Florence during the 1995-96 school year and landed his squad a berth in the Red Hills Bowl Classic. He also taught education and physical education classes.

He is also a former assistant at Magee, Pearl, Bassfield, Northwest Rankin, and Simpson Academy high schools.

Mangum is a graduate of William Carey where he received his master's and bachelor's degrees. He also attended Mississippi College and was a member of the Choctaw football team in 1984-85.

In addition, he is a graduate of Jones County Junior College and a standout on the 1982 and 1983 football teams.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

`LARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT___✓___

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-1-98

ECCC ADDS FOOTBALL SIGNEES

DECATUR–East Central Community College head football coach Terry Underwood has announced the signing of additional players for the 1998 campaign.

Joining the Warrior squad are Steven York, a 6'4", 300-pound offensive lineman from Forney, Texas, and Dontay Spillman, a 6'1", 180-pound running back/return specialist from Valley High School in Louisville, Kentucky.

York was named one of the "Top

See "FOOTBALL" next page

"FOOTBALL"

continued from page 8

100" players in Texas his senior year in addition to being chosen one of the "Top Five" offensive lineman in the Southwest.

Coach Underwood said York was recruited by numerous universities, including Baylor, Washington, Washington State and Houston.

Spillman, who was also heavily recruited, rushed for 1600 yards on 104 carries and caught 35 passes fro 600 yards last season. He averaged 280 yards rushing and 150 yards receiving a 430-yard average per contest. In addition, he scored 40 touchdowns, including nine tallies that came on kickoffs and punt returns. Spillman was the leading scorer in Kentucky with 254 points.

In recognition of his outstanding season, Spillman was selected to participate in the annual Kentucky/Tennessee and Kentucky/Indiana All-Star football games.

ECCC
WITH YOU IN MIND

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER ✓
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

Week of 5-6-98

sity of Southern Mississippi, where he worked with secondary during 1992-93 and assisted in coaching offensive linemen and tight ends the previous year. He is also a former sales representative and later sales manager for Liberty National Life Insurance Company.

Kelly holds a master's degree in coaching and sports administration from USM where he also received a bachelor's degree in outdoor recreation. In addition, he is a graduate of PRC where he was an honorable mention All-American Lineman on the 1973 squad which won the MACJC South Division championship. That year the Wildcats lost to Delta for the state title. Kelly plated offensive guard and linebacker on the 1972 team which post a 9-1

tion to his coaching and administrative duties, Mangum taught drivers' education.

Mangum was head football coach and athletic director at McLaurin Attendance Center in Florence during the 1995-96 school year, and landed his squad a berth in the Red Hills Bowl Classic. He also taught education and physical education classes.

He is also a former assistant at Magee, Pearl, Bassfield, Northwest Rankin, and Simpson Academy high school.

Mangum is a graduate of William Carey College, where he received his master's and bachelor's degrees. He also attended Mississippi College and was a member of the Choctaw football team in 1984-85.

In addition, he is a graduate of

WEEK OF 5-6-98

New ECCC Head Football Coach Names Assistants

DECATUR--New ECCC head football coach Terry Underwood has announced the selection of two new staff assistants.

Joining the Warrior staff are Steve Kelly of Poplarville, a former assistant at Pearl River Community College, and Todd Mangum of Magee, former head football coach at Collins High School.

Steve Kelly

In his new role, Kelly will coach linebackers and special teams. He served the past five seasons at PRC where his duties included coaching defensive lineman, linebackers, and defensive backs. He was also in charge of recruiting players from various parts of Alabama and Georgia.

Prior to joining the wildcat staff, Kelly served two years as a graduate assistant at the Univer-

Todd Mangum

mark. He was selected as an Outstanding College Athlete of America following the 1972 campaign.

Kelly was also a standout athlete at Hattiesburg High School, where he earned All-Big Eight Honors and was selected permanent team captain.

He and his wife, Debbie, have two sons, Shane and Michael.

Mangum served the past year at Collins which advanced to first-round action of the State South Playoffs. He also taught sociology and psychology.

Prior to taking over the Collins program, Mangum served as head football coach and athletic director at Seminary High School during the 1996-97 which also competed in the South State playoffs. In addi-

Jones Junior College and a standout on the 1982 and 1983 football squads. The 1983 squad won the state championship and was ranked seventh in the nation. Mangum was also a member of the track team and recipient of the WBSJ Leadership Award.

A graduate of Mt. Olive High School, Mangum was All-Conference in football and basketball for three years and was selected Most Athletic in addition to various other honors and activities.

His professional activities include his participation at various coaching clinics and camps throughout the South.

He and his wife, Kim, have two children, Natalie and Will.

The new assistants join returning coach Tim Coats who begins his fourth season on the warrior Staff. Coasts will continue to coach defensive backs along with serving in his new role as defensive coordinator.

EC begins the 1998 season by traveling to Northwest Mississippi Community College on Thursday, September 3. Kick-off is set for 7 p.m. on the Senatobia campus.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER X
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES _____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL _____
CLARION-LEDGER _____
CARTHAGINIAN _____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT _____
NEWTON RECORD _____
MERIDIAN STAR _____

Week of 4-22-98

He is also a highly, highly competitive person. I just hope I can take those attributes and use them myself with our players," Underwood said.

When Underwood completed his athletic career at DSU, he remained at the college as a graduate assistant coach and also completed his master's degree. Underwood later joined Coats when he took over the Hattiesburg High School football program where they worked together for six years. After that stint, Underwood went to Jones as defensive coordinator and Coats was named head coach at Pearl River. A year later the two coaches were reunited at PRC and remained so for three years until they came to East Central in the spring of 1995.

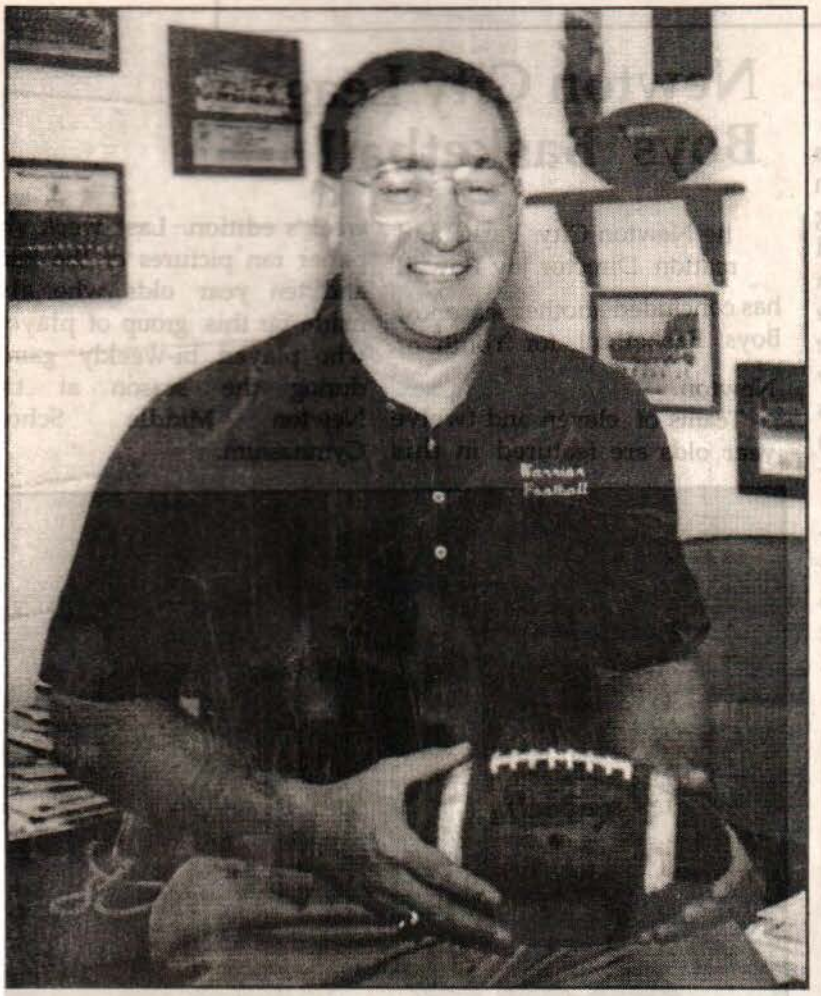
In addition to the coaching experience Underwood has received as Coats' top assistant, he said he also learned a great deal about recruiting. Underwood said he also hopes to continue a successful recruiting program, especially regarding the signing of in-district players.

We must take care of the little things first, then the big things will come. We plan to be a hard-nosed, physical team, a team that is really going to hit folks and run to the ball on defense, and block and execute on offense. We have to be a team that plays with great effort and enthusiasm. To be successful, in my opinion, we must be good on defense, have a very good kicking game and offensively take care of the ball, and score enough points to win. If we all those things, we will be able to meet our goals," Underwood stated.

The Warriors begin 1998 action on Thursday, September 3, against Northwest Miss. Community College. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. on the Senatobia campus. East Central starts home action at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 10, with Itawamba Community College.

WEEK OF 4-22-98

'Dream Come True" - ECCC's Underwood



Ever since he was a ninth grade football player for Seminary High School, Terry Underwood knew he wanted a career as a head football coach. Now, fifteen years after serving in the role of an assistant, Underwood's wish has come true as the 36-year-old was recently named to the head coaching position at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Underwood succeeds Willie "Teeny" Coats who announced his retirement following a successful coaching career on the college and high school levels. Underwood spent 14 years as assistant to Coats who led the Warriors the past three seasons, compiling an overall mark of 19 wins and 12 losses. Coats and his staff put together the seasons ever recorded at East Central, as the Warriors went 10-1 in 1996 and 7-3 last fall. The '96 squad defeated Middle Georgia College 7-6 in the Huddle House Golden Isles Bowl Classic and finished the season ranked fifth in the nation.

The Warrior head mentor eagerly accepts his new role.

"I am very excited to have this opportunity. My wife, Carrie, and our children, Levi, Cali and Trest, love Decatur, and the people here have been good to us. I really like East Central and the relationship I have with the administration, faculty and staff. I don't think a lot of people know how fortunate we are here at East Central. It's a 'we' thing here; we that's very important. I feel very honored to have this opportunity and look forward to the challenge of trying to maintain a good program," Underwood said.

He added, "To be a head coach is exciting and even more so at this level because I was a junior college product (Jones County) and I personally like this level a whole lot. In community and junior colleges you have the best of both worlds. You still have the chance to watch high school games and if your children are involved in sports at that level, you have the chance to watch them play, and you can also attend senior college games. The JUCO level is a great area to be involved in and is one that will continue to be strong. The junior college league was here a long time before I played in it and it will be here a long time after I retire." Underwood said.

Mississippi is regarded as one of the best producers of community/junior college football talent, a role Underwood feels that most of the state's high school student-athletes probably do not realize.

"I don't think our Mississippi kids know how lucky they are. We have athletes from Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida calling us every day asking for a chance to play junior college football here because it's not offered in those areas. Each year we have an average of 35 to 45 kids not only in our five-county district but at all the state's junior colleges who have the opportunity to participate in football, that is something special to me, and I hope our high school athletes understand and appreciate this situation," Underwood stated.

As head coach, Underwood has assumed a different role than served as an assistant. The former defensive coordinator and special teams coach now moves to the offensive side of the ball where he will direct entirely new for U
who was a standout l
high school, junior c
at Delta State U
Joining Underwood a
will be the recently hi
Mangum, former head
Collins High School, v
coach quarterbacks and
backs, and Steve Kelly,
PRC assistant, who's r
ble for linebackers and
teams. Tim Coats return
ECCC staff, but the form
fensive backs coach wi
serve as defensive coord
Frederick Lyons also retu
defensive line coach. A
yet named assistant will
charge of tight ends and
receivers.

Although he believes i
ting his coaches "coach" as
his former boss Willie c
Underwood, who desc
himself as a "hands-on co
will still know "what's g
on" in each area.

"What I've got to learn,
though I've never been in t
position, is to distribute resp
sibility, which was one of t
biggest strengths of Coa
Coats. He didn't intimidate
look over his assistants' sho
der every minute. If somethi
wasn't being done the way
wanted, he would meet wi
them and talk about the situ
tion. I will be the same w
and want my assistants to be
sponsible for their respecti
areas and make suggestio
about any other areas in ad
tion to carrying out our philo
phy in all aspects of the gam
Underwood said.

The Coats-Underwood re
tionship has obviously been
special one for the new he
coach, who turns 37 in M
Coats resigned at age 62.

"I think the world of Co
Coats. I have a lot of respect
him and we have had a ve
cordial, trustful and loyal re
tionship. He relied on me an
relied on him. It has been
great relationship that we
had the last 14 years; he is
fair man, a good Christian

WEEK OF 4-22-98

EC taps Underwood as

Ever since he was a ninth grade football player at Seminary High School, Terry Underwood knew he wanted a career as a head football coach. Now, after serving for 15 years as an assistant, Underwood's wish has come true as the 36-year-old was recently named to the head coaching position at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Underwood succeeds Willie 'Tenny' Coats who announced his retirement following a successful coaching career on the college and high school levels. Underwood spent 14 years as assistant to Coats who led the Warriors the past three seasons, compiling an overall mark of 19 wins and 12 losses. Coats and his staff put together the most successful back-to-back seasons ever recorded at East Central, as the Warriors went 10-1 in 1996 and 7-3 last fall. The '96 squad defeated Middle Georgia 7-6 in the Huddle House Golden Isles Bowl Classic and finished the season ranked fifth in the nation.

The Warrior head mentor eagerly accepts his new role.

" I'm very excited to have this opportunity. My wife, Carrie and our children, Levi, Cali and Trest, love Decatur and the people here have been good to us. I really like East Central and the relationship I have with the administration, faculty and staff. I don't think a lot of people know how fortunate we are here at East Central. It's a 'we' thing here; we all support each other and that's very important. I feel very honored to have this opportunity and look forward to the challenge of trying to maintain a good program," Underwood said.

" To be a head coach is exciting and even more so at this level, because I was a junior college product (Jones County) and I personally like this level a lot. In community and junior colleges you have the best of both worlds. You still have the chance to watch high school games and if your children are involved in sports at that level, you have a chance to watch them play, and you can attend senior college games. The juco level is a great area to be involved in and is one that will continue to be strong.. The junior college league was here a long time before I played in it and will be here a long time after I retire," Underwood said.

Mississippi is regarded as one of the best producers of community/junior college football talent, a role Underwood feels most of the state's high school student-athletes probably do not realize.

" I don't think our Mississippi kids know how lucky they are. We

Underwood takes helm of ECCC Warriors

Week of March 11, 1998

headed to Itawamba

the South Division championship.

He also led ECCC to the South Division title in 1991-92. After going 28-5 that season, Cooper was named the MACJC Coach of the Year.

"I just thought at this time, it (Itawamba) was a nice situation for me and I'm looking forward to the challenge," Cooper said. "I wish the people of East Central well in the future and I thank them for all they did for me and my family."

Last season, the ECCC Warriors posted an 11-16 mark on the hardwood.

Cooper also coached the men's and women's tennis teams at ECCC.

Prior to arriving on the Decatur campus in 1991, Cooper had served as an assistant coach at Miami (Ohio) and at Armstrong State College.

Cooper is a graduate of Jackson (Ohio) High. He received his bachelors in communications from Rio Grande (Ohio) College and masters in sports administration from Miami (Ohio).

He is married to the former Jennifer Higgins, who served as assistant coach for the ECCC Warriors.

ECCC has begun a search for a new men's basketball coach. Inquiries should be sent to Coach Sammy Pace, Athletic Director, ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss., 39327 or call 635-2111, ext. 246.

WEEK OF March 11, 1998

Cooper resigns at ECCC;

By **Stan Grubb**
The Meridian Star

Coaching changes were not only taking place in the football offices at East Central Community College on Tuesday. ECCC will also have a coaching change in the basketball offices.

ECCC head men's basketball coach Marty Cooper resigned to take a similar position at Itawamba Community College. His resignation was approved by the College's Board of Trustees at its March meeting Tuesday at ECCC. Cooper's resignation is effective June 30, 1998.

"First of all, we had seven great seasons at East Central, and we had a lot of great times," Cooper noted. "I feel like we established a good program and I have a lot of great memories for me to take as a coach.

"This decision is one that I feel is in the best interest of my family and my future as a coach," he added, "but I certainly appreciate everything that was done for me at East Central. The people are great and we (family) made a lot of great friends."

Cooper had an impressive seven seasons at the helm of the Warrior basketball program. Along the way, Cooper's Warriors amassed a 116-91 mark. In 1992-93, Cooper's Warriors posted a 24-8 ledger en route to winning the state championship. The following season the Warriors went 23-5 and won

APPEARED IN:
LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR X

Week of March 11, 1998

# of professional football

Lamar Blount with a picture of youngest son, Kenny

While Blount had the speed, he was able to run under a 10-second hundred throughout his career, he also had something error.

"I would just love to stick you," he said. "I would rather hit somebody than eat."

Blount played end on both defense and offense, and also saw some action at fullback and tailback.

After his career at Philadelphia High School Blount played his junior and senior years of high school at East Central Community College.

After two years of junior college ball, where he played in the backfield despite breaking his wrist in his first game, he went to play at Mississippi State under head coach Allyn McKeen for three years.

He then signed up for a three-year tour with the United States

See Blount, page 8....

WEEK OF March 11, 1998

Blount has fond memories

DECATUR — The names Frankie Sinkwich, Otto Graham and Elroy "Crazy Legs" Hirsch immediately perk up the ears of pro football historians.

But to Decatur's Lamar Blount they bring up different memories. The former was a teammate of his on the old Baltimore Colts and the later is a guy he "Nailed for a nine-yard loss." The second, also an opponent of Blount's when he played in the old All-America Football Conference, became one of the greatest quarterbacks in NFL history.

"Things certainly were different back then," said Blount from his Decatur home. As the 78-year-old retired Newton County farmer sorted through old programs and contracts from his two-year pro career, memories of his days with the Miami Seahawks, Buffalo Bills and Colts, spewed forth like uncontrolled geysers of information.

Blount played football in the days when the helmets were of plastic and the facemasks were non-existence.

"Can't you look at this nose and tell that I never played with a facemask," Blount said, laughing while he moved the tip of his nose to one side with one of his crooked fingers. "You had to be tough back them," he said.

by Austin Bishop Appeal Staff Writer

While readily admitting he's only attended one pro football game since he retired from the game in 1947 and really hasn't kept up with perhaps as much as he should, Blount is quick to compare the toughness of the players he played with against those who play the game today.

"Today you'll see somebody go down, and three or four people will run onto the field and carry him off," Blount said. "Then you'll see somebody rubbing a cramp out of his leg or something and then about 15 minutes later he'll be back in the game."

"I'm not saying it was right, but you just didn't come out of the game back when I played," he said. "People played with broken bones and all kinds of injuries. If you didn't keep playing you could wind up getting fired. It was as simple as that."

"I think things went too far one way back then, but these days the players run the league, not the coaches and owners," he said. "That's certainly not the way it was."

While acknowledging that pro football players are bigger and stronger, Blount says quite candidly that he believes that in his prime he could have played in the NFL in 1998.

"I would be one of the few players who could have played in today's market, and I'll tell you why," Blount said. "I had speed. There wasn't but two pros who every outrun me. There was one by the name of Al Baldwin from the Buffalo Bills from Arkansas who ran a 9.3. He had speed to burn. The other was my roommate Blondy Black."

They were teammates at Mississippi State and also at Philadelphia High School, where Blount lived with relatives so he could play for three years. That's also where he met Naomi, his wife of 56 years.

"In 1942 at Mississippi State I ran the 100 and 220 with J.T. (Blondy Black)," Blount said. "I was running for second place. I couldn't outrun him. I could outrun him high school when was at Philadelphia. I was the one who taught him to run," he said with a laugh. "Seriously.

"I could outrun him through the 11th grade in high school," he said. "We ran every day. We were the biggest enemies, he didn't like me and I didn't like him. We would get in these recess arguments and I'd take down and outrun him, until we got to be juniors."

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Feb 25, 1998

Shaun Walker signs with Southeastern Missouri

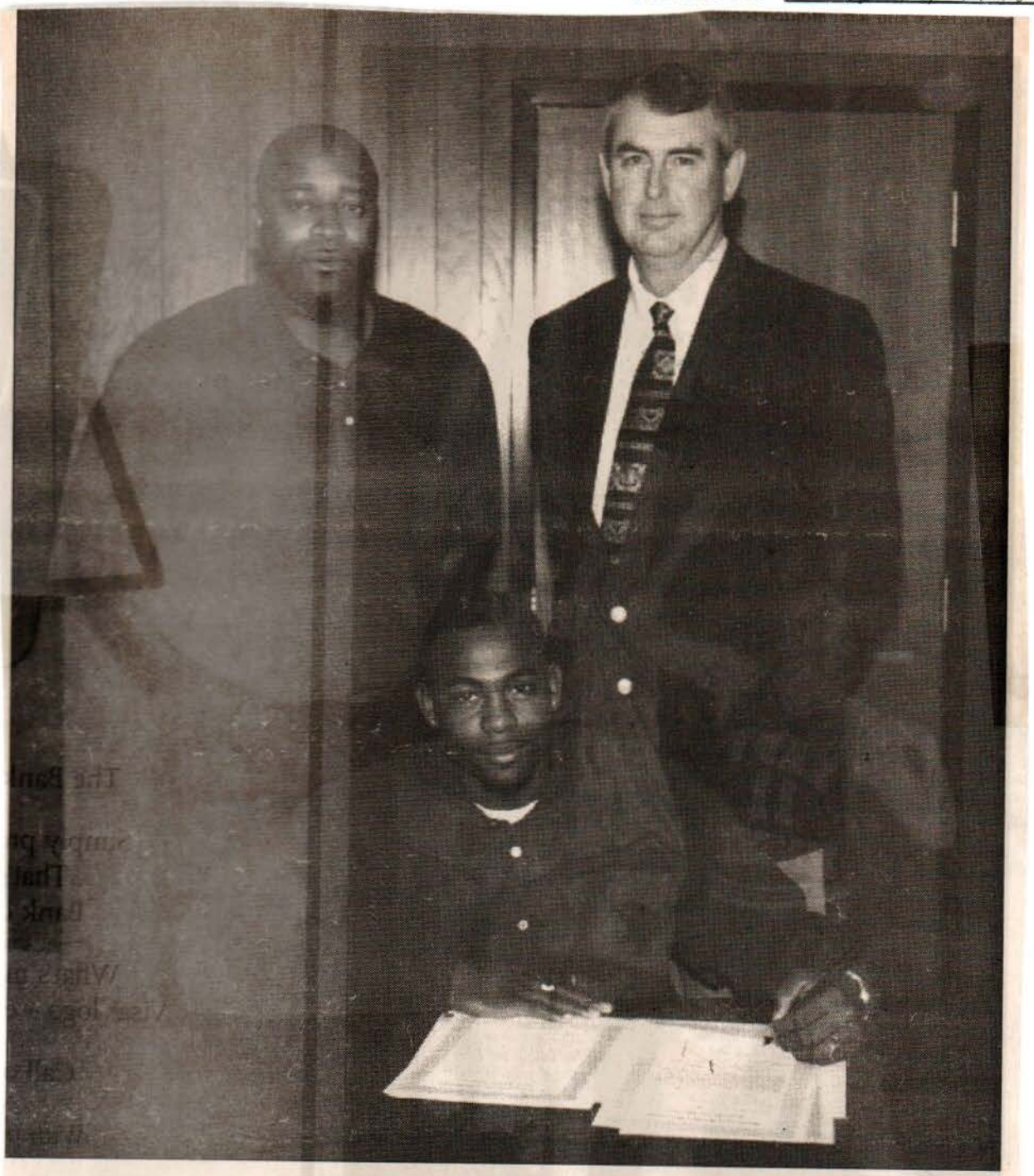
Shaun Walker, a standout kicker the past two seasons for East Central Community College, has signed a national letter of intent to continue his athletic career at Southeastern Missouri State. Walker, a 5'10", 166-pound product of Morton High School, made 20 of 21 extra points and connected on eight of 12 field goal attempts during the 1997 season. His longest effort covered a school record 48 yards. He also shared punting duties with quarterback Al Hunt and averaged 40.5 yards on 20 attempts. Following his successful 1997 season, Walker was named second team All-State and participated in the annual MACJC All-Star Classic. The talented kicker is shown during signing ceremonies with (standing from left) Fred Tate, ECCC assistant football coach, and Sammy Pace, athletic director and women's basketball coach. The Warriors posted a 7-3 mark during the 1997 season.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES X
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Feb 18, 1998



Pinkston to play for USM

Joey Pinkston, a standout defensive back for East Central Community College, has signed a national letter of intent to continue his athletic career at the University of Southern Mississippi. Pinkston, a 6'1" 184-pound product of Forest High School, is shown during signing ceremonies with (standing from left) Fred Tate, ECCC assistant football coach, and Sammy Pace, ECCC athletic director and women's basketball coach. Pinkston led the state with 11 interceptions this past season and registered 53 solo tackles and 17 assists. In recognition of his outstanding career at East Central, Pinkston was named All-Region-23, All-State and All-Star. He was also selected most valuable defensive back on the region and state levels.

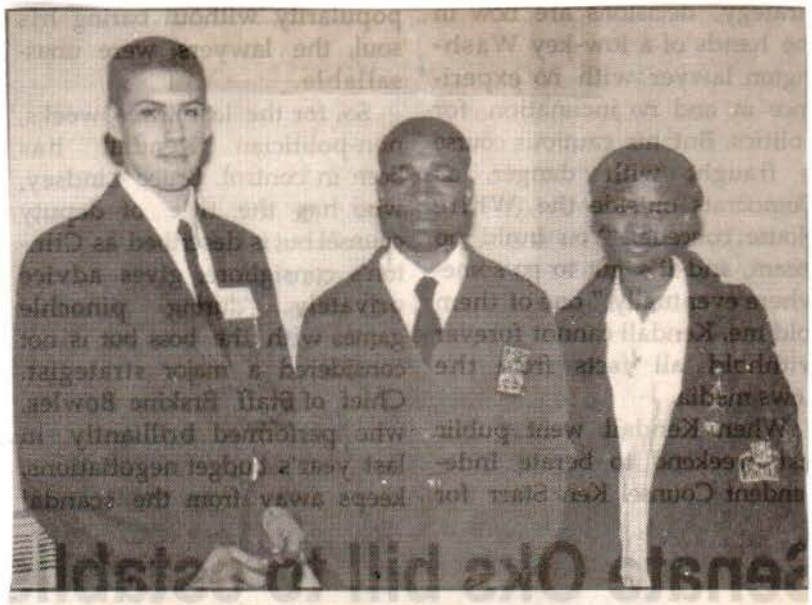
APPEA
LAKE MESSENGER
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES X
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF Feb. 18, 1998

East Central Sr. College Football Signees

Kendrick Clancy (DL), 262, Ole Miss; Dejuan Clark (LB), 5'11", 202 - Kentucky State; William Curry (DE) 6'2", 242, Jacksonville State; Al Hunt (QB/P), 5'10", 198, Wingate University; Kenny Kelley (LB) 6', 201, Auburn University; Jason Nixon (OL) 6'3", 265, Northwestern Oklahoma; Joey Pinkston (DB) 6'1", 184, University of Southern Mississippi; Mack Pittman (RB) 5'10", 225, Carson Newman; Bo Thomas (OL), 6'4", 272, Tennessee State; Shaun Walker (K), 5'10", 166, Southeastern Missouri State; Delvin Rainer (DL) 6'2", 228, Jacksonville State and Juan Draine (WR) 5'10", 175, Tuskeegee State.



VICA CONTEST WINNERS - These students won top honors in the Prepared Speech competition of the District III VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) Skill Olympics held at East Central Community College in Decatur. From left are Lance Kennedy, first place, Clarke County vocational Center in Quitman; Scottie Allen, second, Leake County Vocational Center in Carthage; and Paris Wheaton, third, Newton Municipal Career Center. All three will advance to the state VICA contest scheduled later this year. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

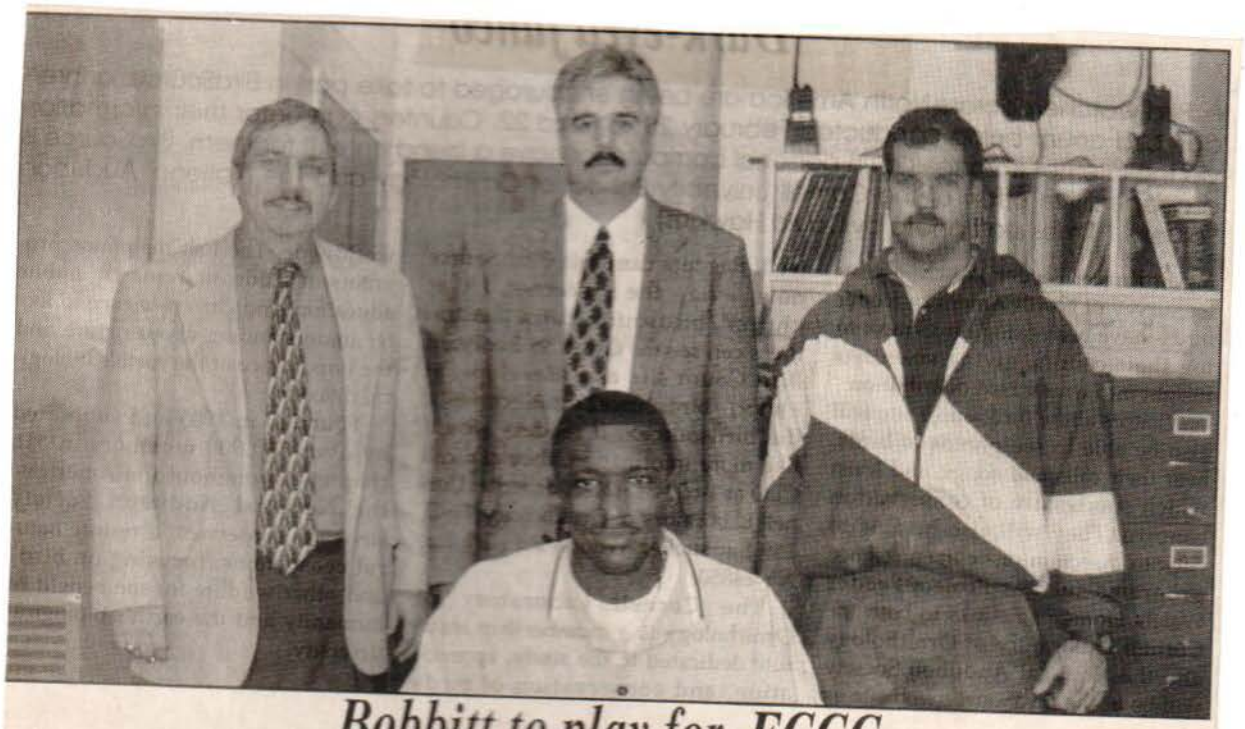
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD X
MERIDIAN STAR_____

Week of Feb. 11, 1998

Murray to play for ECCC

Jerrell Murray(seated) has signed a National Letter of Intent to play football for the East Central Community College Warriors. The Scott Central standout was joined at the signing ceremony by (standing from left) Scott Central High School principal, Dr. Leroy Callahan, ECCC assistant coach Tim Coats, and Scott Central assistant football coach Will Boswell. Jerrell is the son of Betty Murray. (Times staff photo by David Hawkins)

WEEK OF Feb. 11, 1998



Bobbitt to play for ECCC

Cedric Bobbitt(seated) has signed a National Letter of Intent to play football for the East Central Community College Warriors. The Scott Central standout was joined at the signing ceremony by (standing from left) Scott Central High School principal, Dr. Leroy Callahan, ECCC assistant coach Tim Coats, and Scott Central assistant football coach Will Boswell. Cedric is the son of Elaine and Leon Hudson. (Times staff photo by David Hawkins)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES X
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

Week of Feb 11, 1998

JOSH HARDY

High School: Philadelphia
Signed with: East Central CC
Sport: Football
Position: Placekicker
1997 stats: scored 85 points, completed 37 of 68 passes for 646 yards, rushed for 680 yards, averaged 38.6 yards on 36 punts
Postseason honors: All-Division 5-2A (twice), 5-2A Special Teams MVP, Defensive Award
Parents: Jerry and Tommie Hardy

DOMINIC HERNANDEZ

High School: Choctaw Central
Signed with: East Central CC
Sport: Football
Position: Linebacker
1997 stats: 91 tackles
Postseason honors: All-Division 5-2A, 5-2A Defensive MVP, Bernard Blackwell All-Star Game
Parent: Leola Hernandez

KYLE WATSON

High School: Neshoba Central
Signed with: East Central CC
Sport: Football
Position: Offensive lineman
Postseason honors: All-Division (twice), Best Offensive Lineman in 2-4A, Meridian Star All-Area Team, second-team All-State, Mississippi-Alabama All-Star Game
Parents: Hanna and Sheila Watson

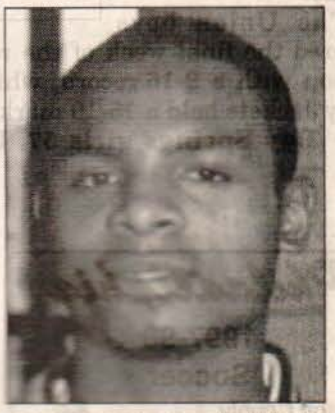
CC Football Signees

Randy Brunson	OL	6-3	270	Sebastopol
Dusty Comans	OL	6-4	260	Sebastopol
Corey Pickens	DB	5-11	175	Tuscaloosa Co.
Jamarcus Murray	RB	6-0	190	Tuscaloosa Co.
Josh Jones	OL/DL	6-0	270	Tuscaloosa Cent.
Eddie Smith	LB	6-0	200	Louisville
Cornelius Goss	CB	6-2	190	Louisville
Robin Barnett	OL	6-1	270	Winston Academy
Davey Crawley	WR	5-11	180	Winston Academy

JOE RUSH

High School: Philadelphia
Signed with: East Central CC
Sport: Football
Position: Linebacker
1997 stats: 109 tackles, 30 carries for 210 yards
Postseason honors: All-Division 5-2A, second team All-State, Meridian Star All-Area Team, Bernard Blackwell All-Star Game
Parent: Ann Moore

RANDY TANGLE



High School: Choctaw Central
Signed with: East Central CC
Sport: Football
Position: Running back
1997 stats: 91 carries for 642 yards, nine catches for 165 yards, 4 interceptions
Postseason honors: All-Division 5-2A, Bernard Blackwell All-Star Game
Parent: Irene Tangle

WEEK OF Feb. 11, 1998

1998 FOOTBALL SIGNEES

DERRICK PICKENS

High School: Neshoba Central
Signed with: East Central CC
Sport: Football
Position: Fullback
1997 stats: scored 26 points
Postseason honors: Honorable mention Division 2-4A, Most Improved Player
Parent: Earnesteine Pickens

IVAN BILLIE

High School: Choctaw Central
Signed with: Mississippi State
Sport: Football
Position: Defensive end
1997 stats: 53 tackles, 2 fumble recoveries, 6 catches for 127 yards
Postseason honors: All-Division 5-2A, Mississippi-Alabama All-Star Classic
Parent: Suzanne Billie

Additional East Central

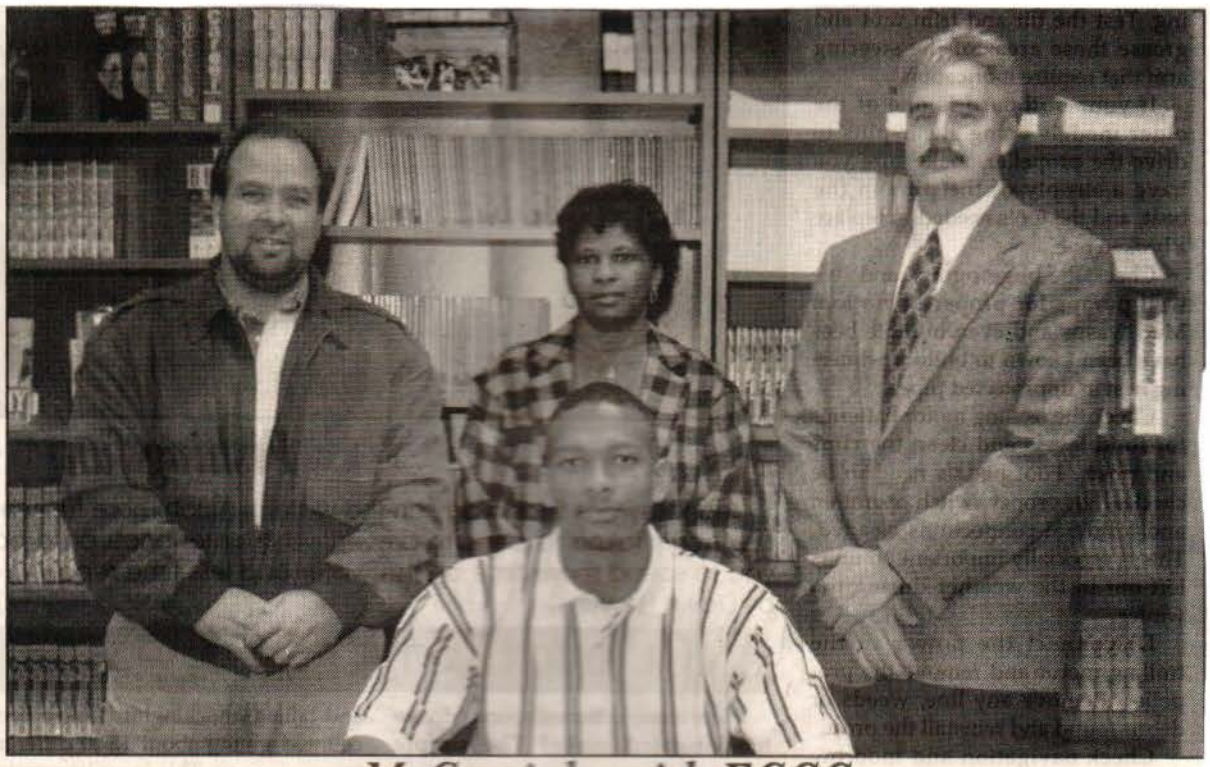
Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	High School
Dewaski Burnside	WR	6-1	180	Noxapater
James Caples	OL	6-2	280	Newton
Regi Moore	FB	6-1	210	Forest
Courtney Shepard	LB	5-10	235	Forest
Reggie McCoy	LB	6-2	200	Morton
Chad Jones	SS	5-11	190	Morton
Cedrick Bobbitt	RB	5-11	175	Scott Central
Jerrell Murray	DL	6-0	185	Scott Central

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT__X__
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

Week of Feb. 11, 1998



McCoy inks with ECCC

Reginald McCoy, (seated) has signed a National Letter of Intent to play football for the East Central Community College Warriors. The Morton Panther standout was joined at the signing by (from left) Morton head football coach Randy McIntyre, his mother, Janice McCoy and East Central assistant coach Tim Coats . (Times staff photo by David Hawkins)

WEEK OF Feb. 11, 1998

Jones inks with ECCC

Chadric Jones, (seated) has signed a National Letter of Intent to play football for the East Central Community College Warriors. The Morton Panther standout was joined at the signing by (from left) Morton head football coach Randy McIntyre, East Central assistant coach Tim Coats and parents Lola and Ilee Jones. (Times staff photo by David Hawkins)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES X
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

Week of Feb. 9, 1998

Comans inks with ECCC

Dusty Comans (seated), has signed a National Letter of Intent to play football for the East Central Community College Warriors.The Sebastopol standout was joined at the signing ceremony by (from left) Sebastopol head football coach Charles Brown, parents Paul and Regina Comans and Sebastopol principal Sara Gaddis. (Times staff photo by David Hawkins)

WEEK OF Feb. 11, 1998

Brunson inks with ECCC

Randy Brunson (seated) has signed a National Letter of Intent to play football for the East Central Community College Warriors. The Sebastopol standout was joined at the signing ceremony by (from left) Sebastopol head football coach Charles Brown, parents James and Betty Brunson and Sebastopol principal Sara Gaddis. (Times staff photo by David Hawkins)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES X
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Feb. 11, 1998

NHS'S CAPLES SIGNS WITH ECCC - Newton High School's outstanding Tiger lineman James "Happy" Caples (seated right) signs a letter of intent to play football next year at East Central Community College. The All-District, All-Area 290 lb. offensive lineman was signed by ECCC's assistant coach Terry Underwood (seated left). Also attending the event were NHS coaches (standing left to right) Head Coach Jeff Breland and Line Coach Mike Spence. (Photo by VAL)

ECCC STUDENT HONORED - East Central Community College sophomore Ty Jankowski of Forest was recently presented a plaque of appreciation for his "outstanding contributions to ECCC as head resident assistant." Jankowski is shown receiving the award from Joe Killens, director of housing. Jankowski, a liberal arts/criminal justice major, also served as section leader for the Warrior Wall O'Sound Marching Bank. In addition, he played saxophone in the concert and jazz bands. He also served as a staff reporter on The *Tom Tom* and was a member of the dormitory and band councils. The nontraditional student is a graduate of Lake High School. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD___X___
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Feb. 11, 1998

Photo by Casey Sears

Signs to play with ECCC

Dewaski Burnside, quarterback at Noxapter, and his mother sign a scholarship with East Central Community College to play football. He was one of several Winston County players to ink scholarships last Wednesday, national signing day.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL X
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Feb. 11, 1998

left to right coach Mark Hudspeth, Sherry Barnett, Robin Barnett and an ECCC representative are shown as Winston Academy Barnett signs to play football for ECCC.

Dave Crawley, a wide receiver for the state champion Wins Academy, signed a football scholarship last Wednesday with ECCC. was an all conference player.

ddie Smith, an all-division linebacker from Louisville High School, is hown signing to play football with ECCC last Wednesday during ational signing day.

Cornelius Goss, center, is shown signing with ECCC to play footb last Wednesday. He was one two players to sign scholarships wi ECCC from Louisville High School last week.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL X
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Feb 7, 1998

Mike Grubb/The Meridian Star

ECCC BOUND — Louisville High's Cornelius Goss signs a national letter of intent Wednesday to play football for the East Central Community College Warriors as his mother Tina Goss, left, and Louisville head football coach Tony Stanford look on.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR X

Week of Feb. 16, 1998

talent

ing for him to contribute."

The Warriors also believe they made a major step Wednesday toward filling gaps in the team's linebacking corps. "We lost all of our starting linebackers for next year, so that positon is wide open," said Underwood. "We signed four linebackers today, and all of those kids will have a chance to come in and play and possibly start for us."

In other areas, ECC's coaches say they were looking for players to fill two starting offensive line spots and two wide receiver slots.

Along those lines, the Warriors signed true wideouts Jamie Nash and Davey Crawléy. "Both are both quick with good hands," said Underwood. "They could both see some significant playing time right away."

At offensive line slots, EEC signed seven players. "We feel like the kids we signed have good size and the potential to make major contrtibutions to our team in the future," said Underwood.

WEEK OF Feb 6, 1993

ECCC Warriors land top prep

By **Murray Coleman**
The Meridian Star

After two successive years of quality recruiting classes, East Central Community College coaches say they are pleased with the 23 high school players who committed Wednesday to play for the Warriors next season.

"We feel like we signed a really solid group of freshmen," said ECC defensive coordinator Terry Underwood. "Some will start and others will give us depth. But all of these guys can come in here and contribute right away."

The Warriors posted a 7-3 record JuCo record last year after rolling to a 10-1 finish the season before.

"The biggest thing is that most of these guys come from winning high school programs and are used to winning," said Underwood. "So that will help bring a great attitude to our program."

But success proved to be a two-edged sword this recruiting season. With its winning ways came more exposure and attention from four-year programs.

And more players transferring to bigger schools.

1998 ECCC Signings

School	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	College
Choctaw Cen.	Dominic Hernandez	LB	5-11	240	ECCC
Choctaw Cen.	Randy Tangle	RB	5-10	172	ECCC
Noxapater	Dewaski Burnside	RB	6-1	180	ECCC
Neshoba Cen.	Kyle Watson	OL/DL	6-1	280	ECCC
Neshoba Cen.	Derrick Pickens	LB	5-9	185	ECCC
Philadelphia	Josh Hardy	P/QB	5-10	170	ECCC
Philadelphia	Joe Rush	RB	6-2	230	ECCC
Newton	James Caples	OL	6-2	280	ECCC
Forest	Regi Moore	FB	6-1	210	ECCC
Forest	Courtney Shepard	LB	5-10	235	ECCC
Scott Central	Cedric Bobbitt	RB	5-11	175	ECCC
Scott Central	Jereld Murray	DL	6-0	185	ECCC
Louisville	Eddie Smith	LB	6-0	200	ECCC
Louisville	Cornelius Goss	CB	6-2	190	ECCC
Winston	Robin Barnett	OL	6-1	275	ECCC
Winston	Davey Crawley	WR	5-11	180	ECCC
Morton	Reggie McCoy	LB	6-2	200	ECCC
Morton	Chad Jones	SS	5-11	190	ECCC
Sebastopol	Randy Brunson	OL	6-3	270	ECCC
Sebastopol	Dusty Comans	OL	6-4	260	ECCC
Tuscaloosa Co. (Ala.)	Corey Pickens	DB	5-11	175	ECCC
Tuscaloosa Co. (Ala.)	Jamarcus Murray	RB	6-0	190	ECCC
Tuscaloosa Co. (Ala.)	Josh Jones	OL/DL	6-0	270	ECCC

"Obviously, the more kids we see sign with other colleges," said Underwood, "the better that is for our program in signing high school players."

That proved to be the case Wednesday as the Warriors' staff felt they filled their most pressing major needs while adding depth in the newest edition of the ECC football roster.

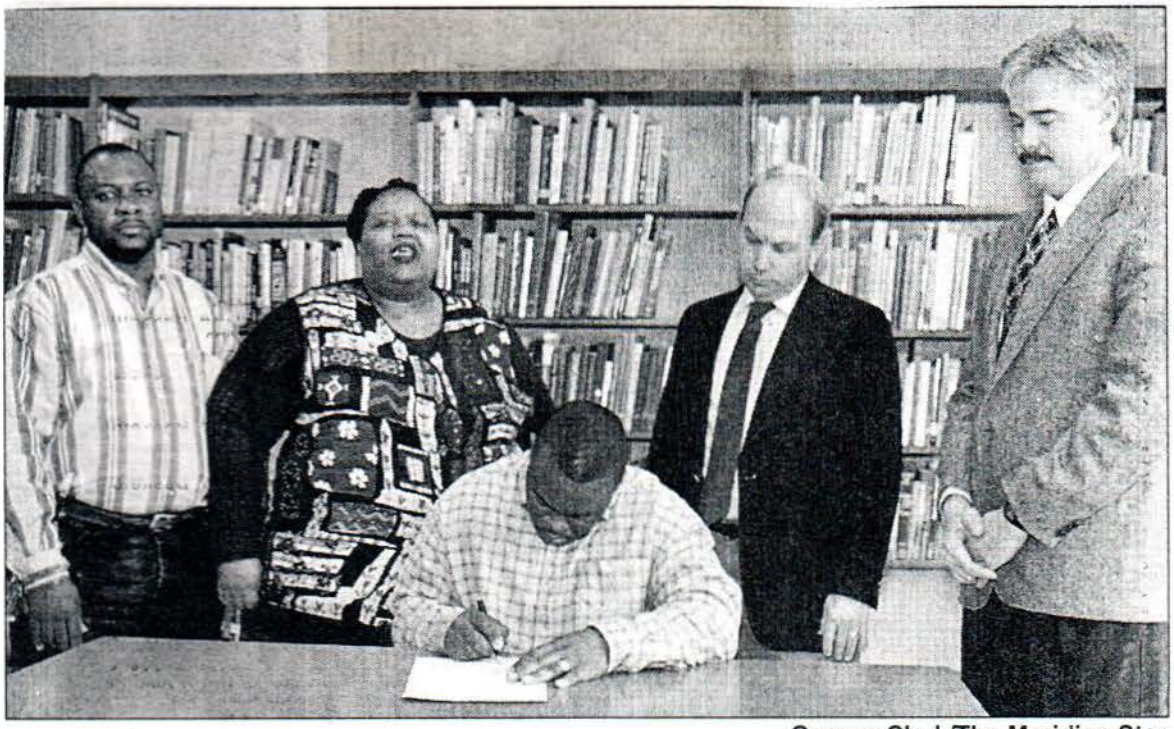
One player who might make an immediate impact is Josh Jones, a 270-pound defensive linemen from Tuscaloosa County in Alabama. "He's about the only one we signed who is a true defensive linemen," said Underwood. "He's a good enough player where I'm sure he'll push for a starting job."

Another is Josh Hardy of Philadelphia High School. He played three positions in high school — quarterback, kicker and punter. "He's a good quarterback," said Underwood. "But we have a big hole to fill on the kicking end, so that's initially at least where we're probably look-

APPEARED IN:
LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR X

WEEK OF Feb 6, 1998



George Clark/The Meridian Star

ECCC BOUND — Forest High's Courtney Shepard signs a national letter of intent to play football for the East Central Community College. Looking on are, from left, his father Lonnie Shepard, his mother Delois Shepard, Forest head coach Jack French and ECCC and assistant coach Tim Coats.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR___X___

WEEK OF Feb 6, 1998

Murray Coleman/The Meridian Star

ECCC BOUND— Philadelphia High's Josh Hardy signs a national letter of intent to play football and baseball for the East Central Community College Warriors. Looking on are, seated left, his father Jerry Hardy, standing, left to right, Philadelphia High head football coach Steve Cheatham and ECCC coach Willie Coats.

Stan Grubb/The Meridian Star

ECCC BOUND — Winston Academy's Robin Barnett signs a national letter of intent to play football for the East Central Community College Warriors Wednesday. Looking on are, seated left, his mother Sharon Barnett, standing left to right, Winston Academy head coach Mark Hudspeth and ECCC assistant coach Terry Underwood.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR____X____

WEEK OF Feb 6, 1998

Paula Merritt/The Meridian Star

ECCC BOUND — Newton High's James Caples signs a national letter of intent to play football at East Central Community College as ECCC assistant coach Terry Underwood goes over a few things Wednesday. Looking on is Newton High Tigers head football coach Jeff Breland.

George Clark/The Meridian Star

ECCC BOUND — Forest High's Regi Moore signs a national letter of intent Wednesday to play football for the East Central Community College Warriors. Looking on are, standing from left, Forest head coach Jack French and ECCC assistant coach Tim Coats.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR___X___

WEEK OF Aug. 3, 1998

Underwood relishes role as EC head coach

Ever since he was a ninth grade football player at Seminary High School, Terry Underwood knew he wanted a career as a head football coach.

Now, 15 years after serving in the role of an assistant, Underwood's wish has come true as the 37-year-old will be the head football coach at East Central Community College this fall.

Underwood succeeds Willie "Tenny" Coats who announced his retirement following a successful coaching career on the college and high school levels. Underwood spent 14 years as assistant to Coats who led the Warriors the past three seasons, compiling an overall mark of 19-12.

Coats and his staff put together the most successful back-to-back seasons ever recorded at East Central as the Warriors went 10-1 in 1996 and 7-3 last fall. The '96 squad defeated Middle Georgia College 7-6 in the Huddle House Golden Isles Bowl Classic and finished the season ranked No. 5 nationally.

After 14 years as an assistant to Willie Coats at various schools, Terry Underwood will be running the show at East Central Community College this fall.

The new Warrior head mentor eagerly accepts his new role.

"I am very excited to have this opportunity," Underwood said. "My wife, Carrie, and our children, Levi, Cali, and Trest, love Decatur and the people here have been good to us. I really like East Central and the relationship I have with the administration, faculty, and staff. I don't think a lot of people know how fortunate we are here at East Central. It's a 'we' thing here; we all support each other and that's very important. I feel honored to have this opportunity and look forward to the challenge of trying to maintain a good program.

"To be a head coach is exciting and even more so at this level because I was a junior college product (Jones) and I personally like this level a whole lot.

"In community and junior colleges you have the best of both worlds. You still have the chance to watch high school games and if your children are involved in sports at that level, you have the chance to watch them play, and you can also attend senior college games.

"The juco level is a great area to be involved in and is one that will continue to be strong. The junior college league was here a long time before I played in it and it will be here a long time after I retire."

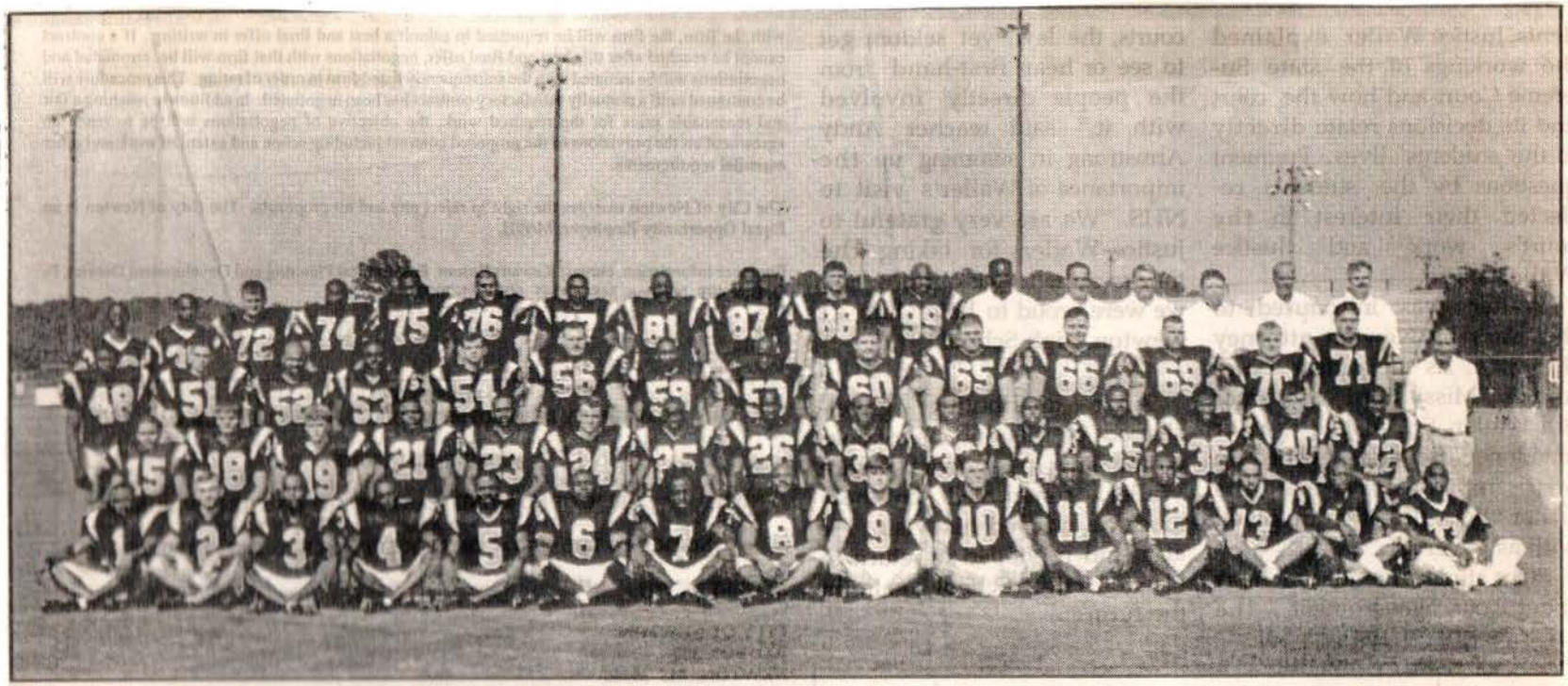
Mississippi is regarded as one of the best producers of community/junior college football talent, a role Underwood feels that most of the state's high school student/athletes probably do not realize.

"I don't think our Mississippi kids know how lucky they are," Underwood said. "We have athletes from Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Florida calling us every day asking for a chance to play junior college football here because it's not offered in those areas. Each year we have an average of 35-45 kids not only in our five-county district but at all the state's junior colleges who have the opportunity to participate in

Cont. Page 7... See Underwood....

APPE
LAKE
SCOT
UNIO
WINS
CLAR

WEEK OF 8-24-98



ECCC

Continued from page 2D

"Obviously, if a team is not good at defense it can't win, and I think we proved that the last two years. But I am pleased we landed some big-name guys over the summer that will help fill the void left by former players like Joey Pinkston (now at the University of Southern Mississippi), Delvin Rainer and William Curry (both at Jacksonville State), Ashanti Webb (Ohio State), Kendrick Clancy (Ole Miss), Kenny Kelly (Aubuern) and the late Kemba Bryant (who was tragically killed in an auto accident while returning to Marshall University)."

Regarding his first year as head coach 0, Underwood, who recently turned 37, said his new responsibilities are somewhat different but nothing he didn't anticipate.

"I guess the biggest difference would be the administrative duties and dealing with parents and players," he said. "As far as on-the-field coaching, there hasn't been much of a change. It's still fun to coach, especially with the staff we've put together. They've made my job as a new head coach much easier. I'm very fortunate to have six guys with me who have a lot of experience."

Assistant coaches include Timmy Coats, Steve Kelly, Todd Mangum, Fredrick Lyons, Jon Williams and Jack Carlisle.

APPEARED IN:
LAKE MESSENGER
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

3/24/98

East Central hopes to continue two-year winning streak

With only 16 sophomores returning from last year's squad--including just seven with actual game experience--ECCC's head football coach Terry Underwood remains optimistic about the 1998 Warriors. In fact, the first-year head mentor said this year's squad is once again filled with talented athletes who have dedicated themselves to having a third straight winning campaign.

"Everyone reported in pretty good condition, and I thought we had very positive results following endurance and strength testing. The players have a great attitude and are working very hard," Underwood said.

East Central, which begins the Underwood era at Northwest on Sept. 3, experienced its best-ever back-to-back seasons the past two years, posting a 7-3 mark last fall after going 10-1 in 1996. Underwood was assistant on both squads to Willie Coats, who retired following a successfgul coaching career on the college and high school levels.

Underwood said the '98 Warriors, although ranked fourth with Co-Lin in *The Clarion-Ledger's* pre-season poll, have a chance to be successful.

Offensively, Underwood had praise for running backs Steve Henley, a 5'11", 225-pound freshman and two-time All-Stater for the state champion Louisville Wildcats; Jarvis Smith, a 6'1", 255-pound sophomore from Soddy-Daisey High School in Tennessee; and Andy Sagona, a 5'10", 180-pound sophomore from Sebastopol.

Underwood said Henley "reported in great condition with a great attitude" and added that Smith "really came into his own at mid-season and played very well." Smith was one of the most highly recruited players in Tennessee in 1996. Sagona is described as "one of our better players--a tough kid--a good football player." Underwood said Sagona will see action at tailback and wide receiver positions.

"I think our offense has a chance to be good, but we still have a lot of things to correct before the first game to be much more poised unit," Underwood said. "Our emphasi right now is on the run, but know we've got to be able t throw the ball to be successfu Ideally, a team would like t run the ball half the time an throw the other half. C course, we as a coaching staf are going to do what we thin our players do best, and I'r starting to see some good thing on offense. It just takes longer o offense, but like I said, we hav some good players and I thin we've got some weapons tha can make us a good offense."

Defensively, Underwoo said, the Warriors might sur prise some folks.

"I personally feel we have chance to have a good defen sive unit, even though one o the biggest worries I had in th off season was the defense sinc we lost a lot of key players wh are now playing at senior col leges," Underwood said

See ECCC on page 3I

East Central Community College

Sept. 3	Northwest	Away
Sept. 10	Itawamba	Home
Sept. 17	East Mississippi	Home
Sept. 24	Co-Lin	Away
Oct. 1	Southwest	Home
Oct. 10	Hinds	HC
Oct. 17	Jones	Away
Oct. 22	Miss. Delta	Away
Oct. 29	Pearl River	Home
Nov. 5	Gulf Coast	Away

A software writer can be expected to generate about ten lines of debugged, high order language a day.

WEEK OF 8-31-98

Underwood optimistic about '98 EC Warriors

DECATUR-With only 16 sophomores returning from last year's squad-including just seven with actual game experience- head football coach Terry Underwood remains optimistic about the 1998 Warriors. In fact, the first year head mentor said this year's squad is once again filled with talented athletes who have dedicated themselves to having a third straight winning campaign.

"Everyone reported in pretty good condition, and I thought we had very positive results following endurance and strength testing. The players have a great attitude and are working very hard," Underwood said.

East Central, which begins the Underwood era at Northwest on September 3, experienced its best ever back-to-back seasons the past two years, posting a 7-3 mark last fall after going 10-1 in 1996. Underwood was an assistant on both squads to Willie Coats, who retired following a successful coaching career on the college and high school levels.

Underwood said the '98 Warriors, although ranked fourth with Co-Lin in The Clarion-Ledger's pre-season poll, have a chance to be successful.

Offensively, Underwood had praise for running backs Steve Henley, a freshman and two time All-Stater for the state champion Louisville Wildcats; Jarvis Smith, a sophomore from Soddy-Daisey High School in Tennessee; and Andy Sagona, a sophomore from Sebastopol.

The Warrior head coach said Henley "reported in great condition with a great attitude" and added Smith "really came into his own at mid-season and played very well." Smith was one of the most highly recruited players in Tennessee in 1996. Sagona is described as "one of our better players-a tough kid- a good football player." Underwood said Sagona will see action at tailback and wide receiver.

Underwood also cited sophomore wide receiver Jeff Brown of Forest who transferred from Delta State University in January. "Jeff is going to be a quality receiver-he's a big kid (6'0", 190) that can run and catch the ball, and is a tremendous blocker."

Other offensive standouts include returning starters Brock Lillis, a sophomore tackle from Neshoba Central, and Greg Busby, a center from Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Central.

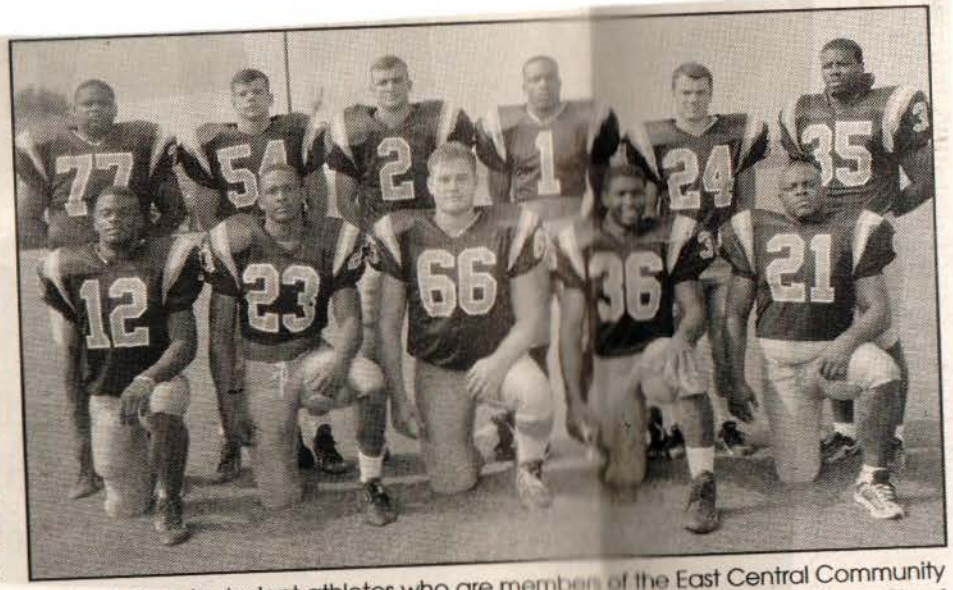
Underwood said he sees a "good battle" going on for the quarterback spot, featuring sophomores Josh Hatcher of Winston and Mark Fleming of Leak Academy, and freshmen Reggie Flugence, a product of Comeaux (La.) High School.

Other freshmen expected to contribute offensively are tight ends Corey Pugh of Soddy-Daisy and Courtney Shepard of Forest.

Regarding the kicking game, Underwood said Josh Hardy, a freshman from Philadelphia, is doing a good job handling kicking and punting duties. Hardy is also a quarterback and wide out.

Defensively, Underwood said the Warriors might surprise dome folks.

Some of the defensive standouts include returnees Kendrick Earby of Morton. Jim Griffin and David Daniel of Tuscaloosa County are also on the field. Underwood said linebacker positions are being filled with players like Reggie McCoy, a freshman from Morton.



Scott County student athletes who are members of the East Central Community College football team for the 1998 campaign include kneeling (from left) are Chad Jones, Reggie McCoy, Dusty Comans, Reggie Moore, and Courtney Shepard. Standing (from left) are Edwit Epting, Jason Eason, Jeff Brown, Wesley Boyd, Andy Sagona, and Kendrick Earby.

APPEARED IN
LAKE MESSE
SCOTT COUN
UNION APPE
WINSTON CO
CLARION-LED

WEEK OF 8-31-98

Warriors open season at No. 22 Northwest

By **Rocky Higginbotham**
The Meridian Star

DECATUR — Terry Underwood took over for one legend when he accepted the head football coach's job at East Central Community College.

Thursday night, he'll face off against another in his first game.

East Central travels to perennial powerhouse No. 22 Northwest Thursday for a 7 p.m. contest in Senatobia against the Rangers, who are coached by Bobby Franklin.

Franklin, who has two

credit, has amassed an incredible 144-41-6 record during his previous 17 years at Northwest.

Underwood, who took over for retiring Willie Coats at ECCC, said coaching against Franklin could add some extra butterflies for him.

"I hadn't really thought about it much until this week," Underwood said. "Coach Franklin is sort of an icon in our league. He's won a couple of national championships. He's a great coach and a great guy.

"But on the other hand, it's players vs. players," Underwood said. "The coaches obviously have something to do with it, but the players still determine the outcome."

See **Warriors,** Page 4B

George Clark/The Meridian Star

SEASON-OPENER — East Central Community College (black jerseys) open up Thursday at Northwest Mississippi.

Warriors

Continued from page 1B

ECCC returns just seven sophomores who saw significant action last year, but the Warriors have assembled another talented squad. Still, Underwood says playing Northwest as a first game is no reward.

"It doesn't get any tougher than playing Northwest at Northwest especially with as young a team as we have," Underwood said. "I know they'll be good and they'll be a big challenge. But we need to play a game."

ECCC has knocked off Northwest each of the last two years. And despite a combined 17-4 record for the Warriors during that span, both wins were considered upsets.

"We've been able to beat these guys the last two years, and that's what we've been selling to our players," Underwood said. "They've got a great program and a great tradition. But we'll try to stick close until late in the ball game, then maybe we can pull it out like we have the last two years."

East Central and Underwood are still uncertain about who will guide the Warriors from the quarterback position. Freshman Reggie Flugence of Lafayette, Ala. appears to have the most talent, but sophomores Josh Hatcher of Winston Academy and Mark Fleming of Leake Academy know the system and have more experience.

"We'll make a decision at pregame," Underwood said of the signal-caller's race. "And there's a good chance that we'll play more than one quarterback."

In the backfield, Underwood has a pair of fullbacks that will split time: sophomore Jarvis Smith of Soddy-Daisey, Tenn., and freshman Steve Henley of Louisville. Tailback Kevin McKenzie of Plantation, Fla., will get the start there, while former tailback Andy Sagona of Sebastopol has been moved to a wide receiver's spot, although he will still likely rotate in the backfield.

Sophomore cornerback Wesley Boyd heads up the Warrior defense.

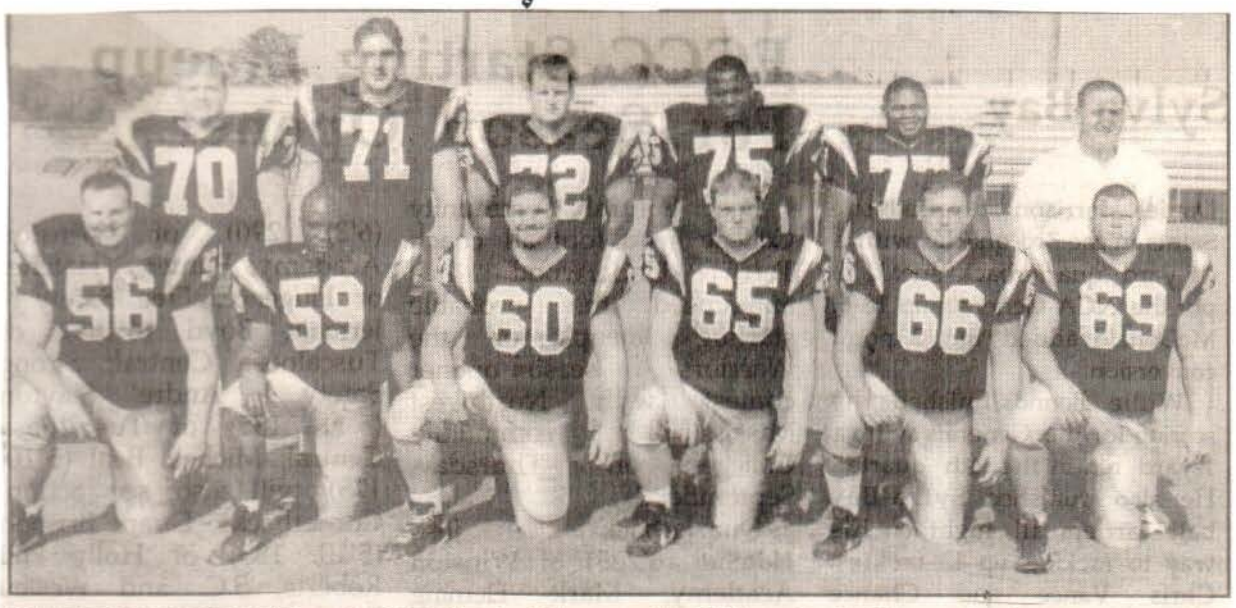
Northwest, which will enter the game ranked 22nd nationally in a preseason poll, will look to former South Panola standout Kevin Jones to lead the offense. As a freshman in 1997, Jones ran for 1,188 yards.

The Northwest Mississippi Rangers also return three offensive linemen who started last year, and they look solid on defense as well.

APPEARED IN:
LAKE MESSENGER
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR ✓

WEEK OF 8-31-98



OFFENSIVE LINEMEN on the East Central Community College football team for the 1998 campaign include (kneeling from left) strong tackle Allen Clark, Noxapater; quick guard Samuel Agee and center Greg Busby, both of Tuscaloosa Central (Ala.); quick tackle Joey Lowry, Winston Academy; quick guard Dusty Comans, Sebastopol; and strong tackle Brock Lillis, Neshoba Central; and (standing from left) strong tackle Adam Lowry, Louisville; quick tackle Steven York, Forney (Texas) High School; strong guard/center Kyle Watson, Neshoba Central; quick tackle Chester Patrick, Union; and offensive lineman Edwit Epting, Forest. Also pictured is positions/head coach Terry Underwood. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 8-31-98

RECEIVERS ON THE EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAM - for the 1998 campaign include (kneeling from left) wide receivers Jeff Brown of Forest, Josh Hardy of Philadelphia and Chris Kyzar of Leake Academy; tight end Courtney Shepard of Forest and (standing from left) wide receiver Andy Sagona of Sebastopol, tight end Corey Pugh of Soddy-Daisey (Tenn.) and tight end Jeremy Smith of Newton County Academy. Also pictured is positions coach Jon Williams. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 8-31-98

ECCC Starting Lineup For Season Opener

East Central Community College head football coach Terry Underwood has announced the probable starting lineup for the Warriors' season-opener contest with Northwest Mississippi community College on Thursday, September 3.

Quarterback - Josh Hatcher (6'205) of Winston Academy, Mark Fleming (5'11, 198) of Leake Academy or Reggie Flugence (6',225) of Comeaux (La.); Tailback - Kevin McKenzie (5'11, 195) of Plantation (Fla.); Andy Sagona (5'10, 180) of Sebastopol will also see action; Fullback - Steve Henley (5'11, 225) of Louisville or Jarvis Smith (6'1, 255) of Soddy-Daisey (Tenn.); Marcus Brown (5'11, 215) of Tuscaloosa County (Ala.) will also see action; Wide Receiver - Jeff Brown (6'190, Forest; Josh Hardy (5'10, 170) Philadelphia, Chris Kyzar (5'10, 172) of Leake Academy and Sagona will also see action; Tight End - Corey Pugh (6'210) of Soddy-Daisey or Courtney Shepard (5'10, 225) Forest; Strong Tackle - Brock Lillis (6'2, 285) of Neshoba Central; Strong Guard - Adam Lowry (6'245) of Louisville or Kyle Watson (6'1, 270) of Neshoba Central; Center - Greg Busby (6'285) of Tuscaloosa Central (Ala.); Quick Guard - Samuel Agee (6'243) of Tuscaloosa Central; Quick Tackle - Chester Patrick (6'2, 285) of Union or Joey Lowry (6'3, 290) of Winston Academy; Punter - Hatcher or Flugence. Free Safety - Jermain Boyd (6'188) of Tuscaloosa Central; Strong Safety - Andre' Slayton (5'11, 185) of Tuscaloosa Central; Micheal Beal (5'10, 175) will also see action; Cornerbacks - Duane Brisbon (5'10, 185) of Holly Hill Roberts, S.C. and Wesley Boyd (6', 191) of Morton; Linebackers - Jim Griffin (6'1, 218) of Tuscaloosa County, Josh Jones (6'282) of Tuscaloosa Central and Travaris Osley (6'210) of Hueytown, Alabama; Chad Jones (6'198) of Morton, Brian Jones (6'2, 220) of Victoria, Texas and Shondren Lewis (5'10, 175) of Quitman will also see action; Defensive Tackles - James Keys (6'251) of North Miami, Florida or Robert Johnson (6'2, 275) of Neshoba Central; Noseguard - David Daniel (6'2, 262) of Tuscaloosa County or Kelvin Cistrunk (5'11, 300) of Louisville; and Kickers - Hardy or Griffin.

Kick returners are Chris Ray (6'183) of Seminole County, Georgia, Brisbon and Boyd. Boyd and Brown are the designated punt returners.

Kickoff for the ECCC/Northwest game is set for 7 p.m. on the Senatobia Campus. All Warrior football games can be heard on WSSI-FM (98.3) in Carthage featuring veteran broadcaster Mike Goodwin.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

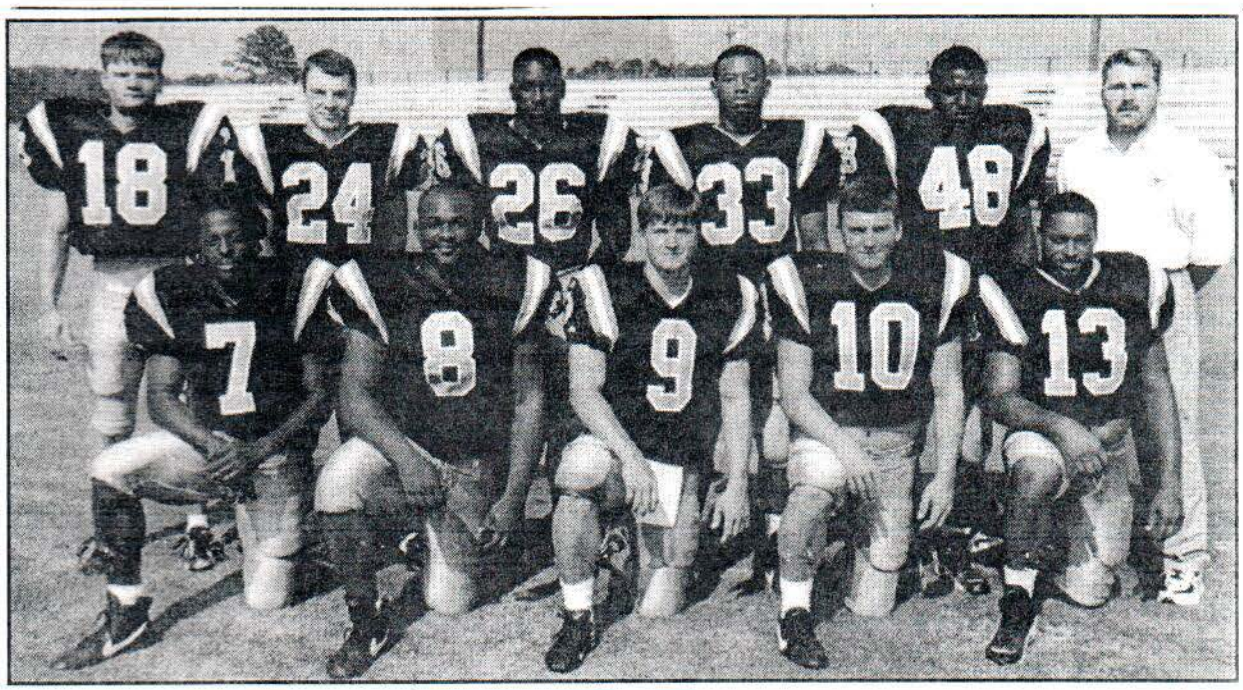
CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD ✓

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 8-31-98



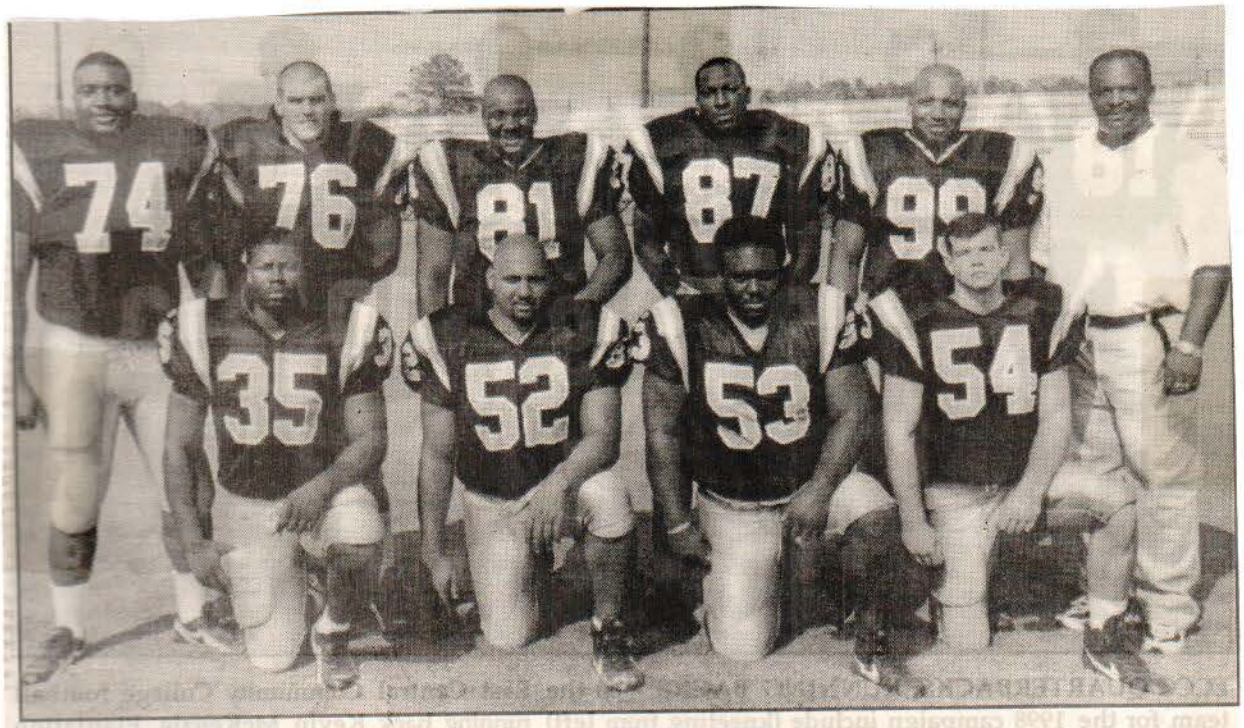
ECCC QUARTERBACKS, RUNNING BACKS - on the East Central Community College football team for the 1998 campaign include (kneeling from left) running back Kevin McKenzie, Plantation (Fla.) High School; running back Jarvis Smith, Soddy-Daisey (Tenn.) High School; quarterback Josh Hatcher, Winston Academy/Philadelphia; quarterback Mark Fleming, Leake Academy/Philadelphia; and quarterback Reggie Flugence, Comeaux (La.) High School; and (standing from left) quarterback Josh Hardy, Philadelphia; running back Andy Sagona, Sebastopol; running back Steve Henley, Louisville; and running backs Jamarcus Murray and Marcus Brown, both of Tuscaloosa County (Ala.) High School. Also pictured is positions coach Todd Mangum. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 8-31-98



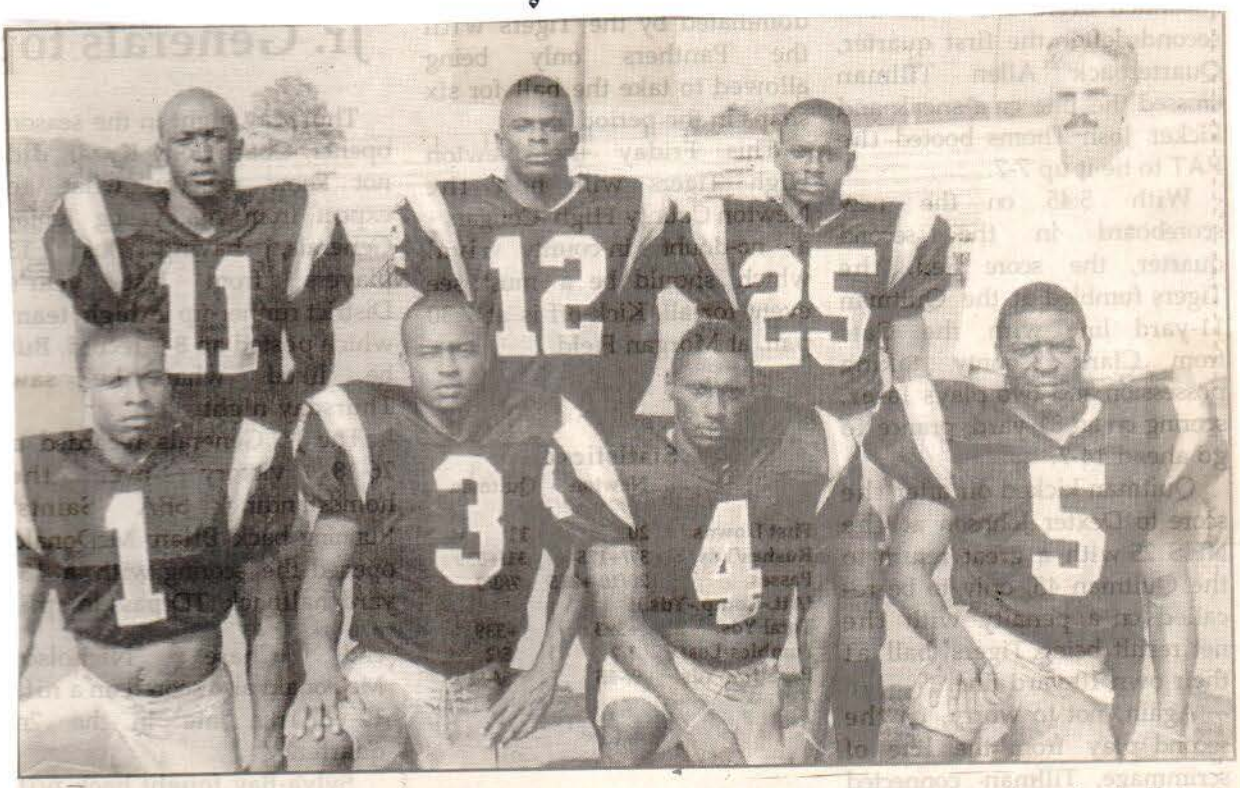
ECCC DEFENSIVE LINEMEN - on the East Central Community College football team for the 1998 campaign include (kneeling from left) end Kendrick Earby, Morton; lineman James Keys, Collins; noseguard Kelvin Cistrunk, Louisville; and end Jason Eason, Forest; and (standing from left) lineman Robert Johnson, Neshoba Central; lineman Alex Sanchoyerto, North Miami (Fla.) High School; lineman Josh Jones, Tuscaloosa Central (Ala.); and end Jim Griffin and lineman David Daniel, both of Tuscaloosa County (Ala.). Also pictured is positions coach Fredrick Lyons. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 8-31-98



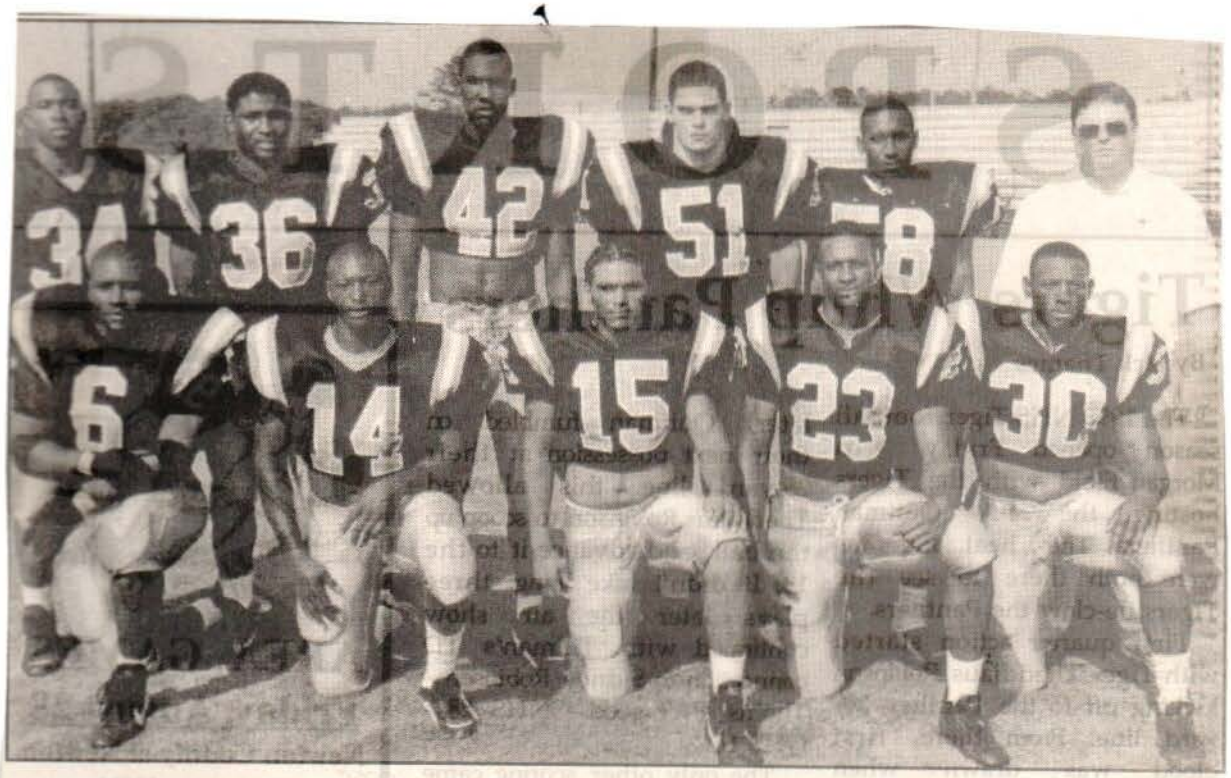
ECCC DEFENSIVE BACKS - defensive backs on the East Central Community College football team for the 1998 campaign include (kneeling from left) Wesley Boyd, Morton; Jermain Boyd, Tuscaloosa Central (Ala.); Duane Brisbon, Holly-Hill Roberts (S.C.) High School; and Andre' Slayton, Tuscaloosa Central; and (standing from left) Chris Ray, Seminole County (Ga.) High School; Chad Jones, Morton; and Freeman Jimison, Morton. Also pictured is positions coach Timmy Coats. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 10-31-98



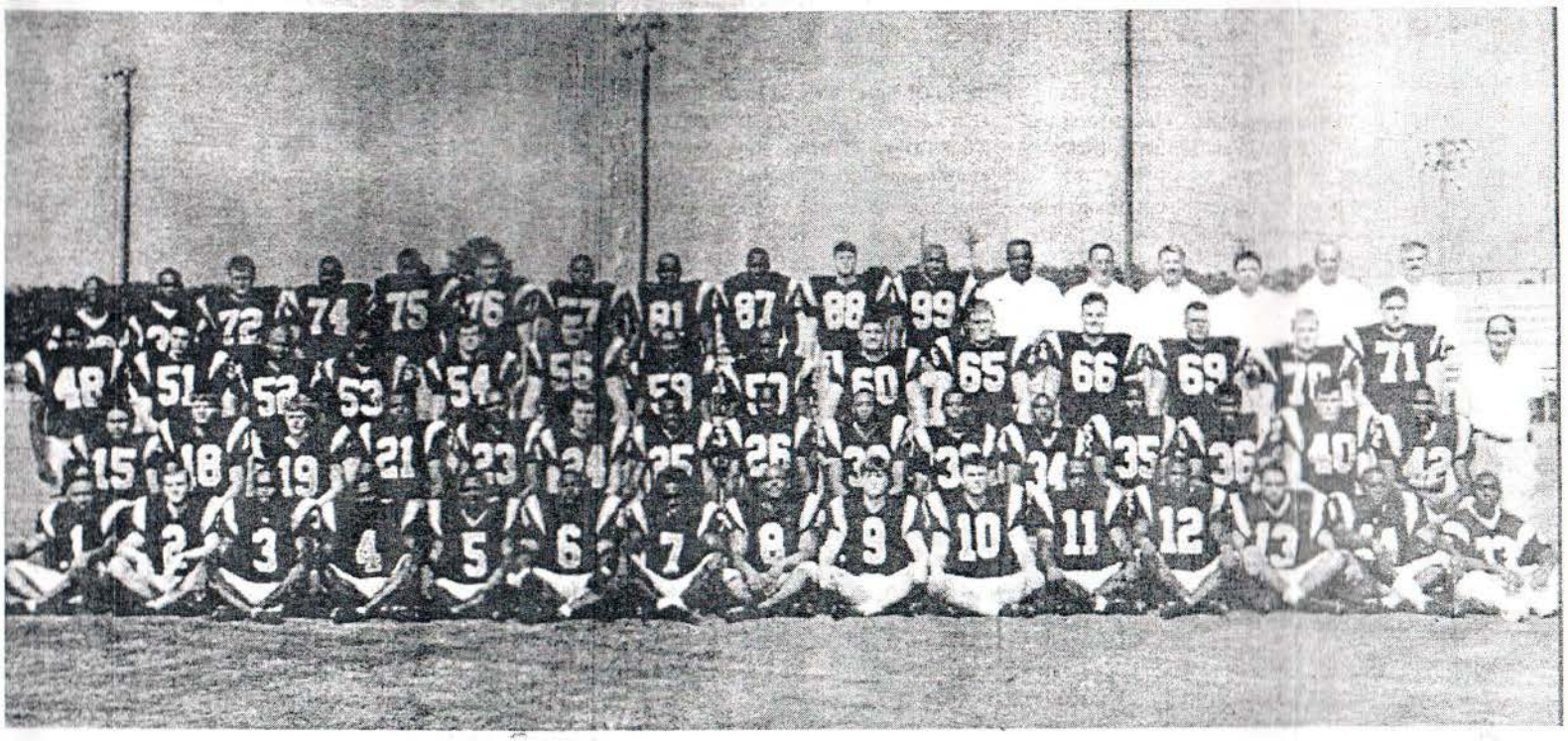
ECCC LINEBACKERS on the East Central Community College football team for the 1998 campaign include (kneeling from left) Jederica Wright, Newton; Lacy McBeth, Neshoba Central; Eddie Smith, Louisville; Reggie McCoy, Morton; and Travaris Osley, Hueytrown, Alabama High School; and (standing from left) Micheal Beal, South Leake; Reggie Moore, Forest; Marcus Johnson, Neshoba Central; Brian Jones, Victoria (Texas) High School; and Shondren Lewis, Quitman. Also pictured is positions coach Steve Kelly. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

ECCC Warrior Football Team



Members of the 1998 East Central Community College football team include (first row, from left) defensive back Wesley Boyd (1), Morton; wide receiver Jeff Brown (2), Forest; defensive back Jermaine Boyd (3), Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Central; defensive back Duane Brisbon (4), Holly Hill (S.C.) Roberts; defensive back Andre' Slayton (5), Tuscaloosa Central; linebacker Jederica Wright (6), Newton; running back Kevin McKenzie (7), Plantation (Fla.); running back Jarvis Smith (8), Soddy-Daisey (Tenn.); quarterback Josh Hatcher (9), Winston Academy; quarterback Mark Fleming (10), Leake Academy; defensive back Chris Ray (11), Seminole County (Ga.); defensive back Chad Jones (12), Morton; quarterback Reggie Flugence (13), Comeaux (La.); linebacker Lacy McBeath (14), Neshoba Central; and manager Tony Johnson of Thomastown; (second row, from left) linebacker Eddie Smith (15), Louisville; quarterback/wide receiver Josh Hardy (18), Philadelphia; wide receiver Chris Kyzar (19), Leake Academy; tight end Courtney Shepard (21), Forest; linebacker Reggie McCoy (23), Morton; running back/wide receiver Andy Sagona (24), Sebastopol; defensive back Freeman Jimison (25), Meridian; running back Steve Henley (26), Louisville; linebacker Travaris Osley (30), Hueytown (Ala.); running back Jamarcus Murray (33), Tuscaloosa County; linebacker/strong safety Michael Beal (34), South Leake; defensive end Kendrick Earby (35), Morton; linebacker Reggie Moore (36), Forest; tight end Corey Pugh (40), Soddy-Daisey; and linebacker Marcus Johnson (42), Neshoba Central; (third row, from left) running back Marcus Brown (48), Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County; linebacker Brian Jones (51), Victoria (Texas); defensive lineman James Keys (52), Collins; defensive lineman Kelvin Cistrunk (53), Louisville; defensive end Jason Eason (54), Forest; offensive lineman Allen Clark (56), Noxapater; linebacker Shondren Lewis (58), Quitman; offensive lineman Samuel Agee (59) and Greg Busby (60), both of Tuscaloosa Central; offensive lineman Joey Lowry (65), Winston Academy; offensive lineman Dusty Comans (66), Sebastopol; offensive lineman Brock Lillis (69), Neshoba Central; offensive lineman Adam Lowry (70), Louisville; offensive lineman Steven York (71), Forney (Texas); assistant coach Jack Carlisle; (and fourth row, from left) managers Damon Hudson of Philadelphia and Terrell Smith of Thomastown; offensive lineman Kyle Watson (72) and defensive lineman Robert Johnson (74), both of Neshoba Central; offensive lineman Chester Patrick (75), Union; defensive lineman Alex Sanchoyerto (76), North Miami (Fla.); offensive lineman Edwit Epting (77), Forest; defensive lineman Josh Jones (81), Tuscaloosa Central; defensive end Jim Griffin (87), Tuscaloosa County; tight end Jeremy Smith (88), Newton County Academy; defensive lineman David Daniel (99), Tuscaloosa County; and coaches Fredrick Lyons, Terry Underwood (head), Todd Mangum, Steven Kelly, Jon Williams and Timmy Coats.

WEEK OF 8/31/98

ECCC Warriors Rally for First Season Victory

9-14-98

DECATUR--Whatever Terry Underwood told his East Central Community College football team at halftime, the message obviously was effective as the Warriors rallied for two fourth-quarter touchdowns and held Itawamba scoreless in the second half to claim a thrilling 21-20 win Thursday night in Decatur.

With the nondivision victory, East Central improved to 1-1 while the visiting Indians fell to the same record. And for Underwood, the one-point decision gave the former 14-year assistant his first win as a head coach.

"I'm very pleased with the win, obviously, but I'm most happy for the players, because they're the ones who put in the most time and effort. They played hard and never gave up. But yes, it is great to get that first victory," he said.

Soddy-Daisy on the game's opening possession. Josh Hardy of Philadelphia added the PAT. The key play of the 55-yard, six-play drive was McKenzie's 32-yard run to the Itawamba 22. The Warriors' excellent field position was set by Morton's Wesley Boyd who returned the opening kickoff 35 yards to the East Central 45.

Itawamba tied the contest late in the initial period when quarterback Jefery Aaron connected with reciever Shalando Jones on a 16-yard scoring play. Jason West booted the PAT.

The visitors found paydirt twice in the second quarter- a nine-yard pass from Aaron to Jason Fisher with just over 11 minutes left before intermission, and a

The winning margin came in Dramatic fashion, as sophomore running back Kevin McKenzie of Plantation, FL, burst through the Indian defense on an 80-yard touchdown run with just over 10 minutes remaining, followed by quarterback Reggie Flugence's scamper around left end for the two-point conversion. Flugence is a freshman from Comeaux High School in Lafayette, Louisiana.

Itawamba had a chance to regain the lead with 5:30 left, but Jason West's 21-26 carries. Fellow running backs Jarvis Smith of Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee, and Steve Henley of Louisville added 43 and 38 yards, respectively, in pushing the Warriors over the 300-yard mark in rushing. East Central also racked up 16 first downs.

The Warriors jumped out to an early 7-0 lead when staring quarterback Josh Hatcher of Winston Academy fired a eight-yard strke to tight end Corey Pugh of tackled Indian running back Chris Ray of Seminloe County, Geogia, and Robert Johnson of Neshoba Central- along with an intentional grounding penalty against the Itawamba quarterback- resulted in the Indians giving up possession on Fourth and 30 from their own 30. After receiveing the Itawamba punt, East Central maintained possession and preserved the win.

This Thursday East Central will renew its rivalry with the East Mississippi Lions who are also 1-1 onthe season. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m. in Warrior Stadium.

All Warrior football games can be heard on WSSI-FM (98.3) in Carthage featuring veteran broadcaster Mike Goodwin.

Neither tem put points on the scoreboard in the third quarter, although Hardy missed a 33-yard field goal attempt late in the stanza after the Warriors faced first and goal from the nine.

The Warriors were not to be denied in the final stanza, however, as Flugence tallied on a one-yard plunge, capping a 64-yard, 13-play drive. The PAT failed. Key plays duringthe scoring march were Flugence's 16-yard gain on third and five to the Indians' 29, na d his 11-yard pass to Henley on third and 11 which gave East Central possession at the 19-yard-line.

Itawamba took the ensuing kickoff and quickly marched from its 35 to the EC 27-yard-line, but the would-be scoring drive stalled when EC defender Boyd intercepted Aaron's pass in the endzone.

On the Warriors' first play from scrimmage folowing Boyd's pick, McKenzie motored 80 yards to paydirt, pulling EC within one point.

Flugence's two-point conversion gave EC the lead with over 10 minutes remaining.

Following the ensuring kickoff, the Indians took possession on their 36 and nine plays later faced a third and three situation at the East Central six-yard-line. Warrior linebacker Trevares Osley of Hueytown, Alabama,

APPEARE
LAKE MES
SCOTT CC
UNION AP
WINSTON
CLARION-

AGINIAN
BA DEMOCRAT
N RECORD
AN STAR

WEEK OF 9-21-98

East Central News

Midnight Madness comes

Fans of East Central Community College basketball will have an opportunity to watch the Lady Warriors and Warriors begin workouts for the 1998-99 campaign by attending "Midnight Madness" scheduled Wednesday, Sept. 30.

The annual event begins at 11 p.m. in the Bracken-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus.

Prior to both teams beginning fall practice - which officially can start at 12:01 a.m. Oct. 1 - the ECCC cheerleaders, band and Centralettes will provide entertainment followed by the introduction of Lady Warrior and Warrior team members by coaches Sammy Pace and Jay Bowen.

Also scheduled are various basketball shooting contests featuring students as well as members of both teams.

There is no charge for admission and refreshments will be provided.

For more information, contact Coach Jay Bowen, ECCC, Decatur, Miss., 39327, Ph 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC, ext. 243.

Gridiron coaches

Football coaches at East Central Community College and their areas of responsibility for the 1998 compaign include, kneeling from left, Todd Mangum, quarterbacks and running backs; Terry Underwood, head coach and offense; and Steve Kelly, defense, linebackers and special teams; and, standing from left, John Williams, tight ends and receivers; Jack Carlisle, kicker and punters; Fredrick Lyons, defensive line; and Timmy Coats, defensive backs and special teams.

Alumni golf tourney

The annual East Central Community College Alumni/Student Golf Tournament will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, at Decatur Country Club, announced tournament chairman Jay Bowen.

Bowen said this year's competition is divided between two divisions: a senior division for those age 55 or older, and a junior catergory for golfers under 55. Trophies will be awarded to the winner of each division.

Those eligible to participate in the nine-hole event are ECCC alumni and current students at the College.

Contact Coach Jay Bowen, ECCC, Decatur, Miss., 39327, Ph. 635-2111 or toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 243.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN ✓
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 10-5-98

'drive' past Southwes

Paula Merritt/The Meri

GOING DOWN — East Central Community College defensive lineman Alex Sanchoyerto (76) corrals a Southwest back Thursday night.

Warriors

10/5/98

By **Rocky Higginbotham**
The Meridian Star

DECATUR — For as long as he remains in football, first-year East Central head coach Terry Underwood will remember "The Drive".

Underwood's ECCC Warriors had the ball just once in the third quarter of Thursday's night's contest at home against South Division rival Southwest.

And apparently, that's all they needed. East Central kept possession for nearly the entire quarter, then ended "the drive" with a one-yard touchdown plunge on the first play of the fourth period — a score that provided the game-winning points in a 12-7 victory over the visiting Bears.

The Warriors, trailing 7-6, started the march at their own 20-yard line with 12:52 on the third-quarter clock. Eighty yards, 21 plays and six first downs later, Kevin McKenzie took it in from one-yard out four seconds into the fourth quarter.

"That's just what we practice," an exhausted Underwood said of the textbook march. "That's what we do."

The drive was just about all the offense either team could muster. East Central stood toe-to-toe with the state's No. 2 rushing defense, and completely shut down Mississippi's No. 1 rushing offense. The Warriors wound up with 203 yards, while Southwest had just 165.

"We challenged our offense tonight," Underwood said. "We didn't do anything fancy, we just lined up and went at 'em.

See **Warriors**, Page 3C

Warriors

Continued from page 1C

"And we beat a good football team tonight," Underwood said.

East Central looked like it might stall on its long drive when — after McKenzie had carried it to the one-inch line — an illegal procedure call pushed it back to outside the five. On third-and-goal from there, quarterback Reggie Flugence was upended at the one to set up fourth-and-goal. He was stopped short of the goal line, but Southwest yanked him down by the facemask, and the personal foul gave the Warriors new life with another first-and-goal from the one.

The Warriors were stacked up there on the final play of the third quarter, but McKenzie had no trouble finding the end zone when the teams went to the other end.

Southwest never really seriously threatened afterwards. An incomplete pass at the ECCC 39 turned the ball over on downs with 10:26 left in the game, then the Warriors got an interception from Duane Brisbon with nine seconds remaining to seal the win.

East Central had gone up 6-0 in the first quarter after Jermain Boyd recovered a Bear fumble and returned it 39 yards to the Southwest 16. Three plays later, Flugence found Corey Pugh on a 10-yard touchdown pass.

Southwest took a slim, 7-6 lead into the locker room with a second-quarter score, also taking advantage of a fumble that they recovered at the ECCC 43. Seven plays later, receiver Derrick Yates went nine yards on a reverse for the touchdown, and Mac Hart's kick gave the Bears their only lead of the night.

Southwest fell to 3-2 and 0-1. The win improved East Central to 2-3 on the season and evened the Warriors' mark at 1-1 in the division after a disappointing loss at Co-Lin last week.

WEEK OF 10-26-98

Delta blanks ECCC Warriors, 25-0

By MARTY STAMPER
Democrat Sports Editor

The East Central Community College Warriors suffered their first shutout since the 1995 season opener as they fell 25-0 to Mississippi Delta in Moorhead Thursday night.

The loss dropped the Warriors to 2-6 going into the 1998 home finale against Pearl River Thursday night in Decatur. Kickoff is slated for 6:30 p.m.

Danny Smith got the scoring under way with a 2-yard run in the first quarter. The PAT was no good.

The Trojans took that 6-0 lead into halftime as neither team reached the end zone during the second quarter.

Delta went up 12-0 with 5:45 remaining in the third period when Smith capped an 88-yard drive with a 1-yard run. A two-point attempt was no good.

The Warriors put together their best offensive performance of the night as they marched 61 yards before turning the ball over on downs at the Delta 1. On fourth-and-goal at the 5, Jamarcus Murray was stopped at the 1.

Eugen Liger made it 18-0 when he recovered a Warrior fumble and returned it 45 yards for a touchdown with nine minutes remaining. The PAT was blocked.

Delta closed out the scoring with 3:35 remaining when wide receiver Hoise Baymon fell on a Trojan fumble in the end zone for a touchdown. The PAT was good, extending Delta's lead to 25-0.

EC defeated Pearl River 26-6 last year in Decatur although the Wildcats hold a commanding 41-16-3 lead in the South Division rivalry.

EC quarterback Reggie Flugence (13) pitches on the option.

APPEARED IN:
LAKE MESSENGER
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ✓
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF 11-30-98

WIN FLAG FOOTBALL TITLE - "Cold Soldiers" took first-place honors in intramural football competition held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members include (kneeling from left) Jon Martin, Alex Dees, Jonathan Mills and Justin Long, all of Philadelphia; Jeremy Nowell of Nanih Waiya and Ryan Gilmer of Philadelphia; and (standing, from left) Cody fisher of Conehatta, Adam Mars, Larron Bryan and B. J. Morrow, all of Philadelphia; Shannon white of Macon, Lucas Nowell of Louisville and David Lepard of Philadelphia. Coach Mike Anderson serves as director of the College's Intramural program. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 11-30-98

FLAG FOOTBALL RUNNERS-UP - A team called "True Closers" won second place honors in the annual intramural football competition held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members include (kneeling from left) Kevin Chamblee of Carthage, Scott Livingston of Louisville, Dustin McMullan of Decatur, Chris Van Etten of Forest, Ike Melton of Philadelphia, Brad Gregory of Louisville and Glenn Rushing of Noxapater; and (standing, from left) Jason Williams of Newton, Mark Graham of Little Rock, Michael Chappell of Louisville, Nathan Tadlock of Lake, Jake Wilson of Summerdale, Alabama; Hunter Ives of Newton, Charles Schellbach of Union, Ronnie Thrash of Newton and Jessie Hughes of Louisville. Coach Mike Anderson serves as director of the College's Intramural program. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 12-7-98

ECCC football All-Stars shine for South squad

Decatur-East Central Community College football All-Stars played key roles in leading the South squad to a 15-13 win over the North in the 25th annual Mississippi Community/Junior College All-Star Classic held Saturday at Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville. The South victory tied the overall series which stands at 12-12-1.

Kevin McKenzie, a 5' 1", 195 pound running back from Plantation, Florida, rushed for 150 yards and scored on a 10-yard scamper. He was named the game's most valuable offensive player.

Duane Brisbon, a 5' 10", 185-pound defensive back of Cross, South Carolina, had 10 tackles and registered numerous pass breakups. He garnered most valuable defensive player honors.

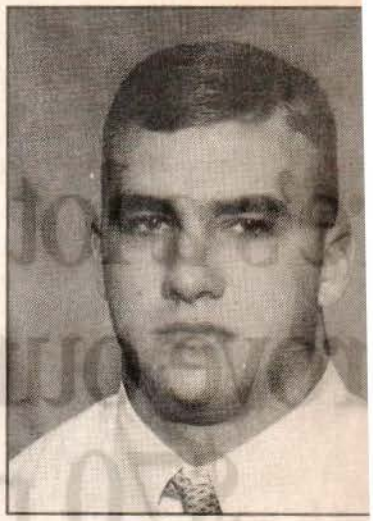
Also having a standout game was Jeff Brown of Forest. Brown, a 6', 190-pound wide receiver, had three receptions for 36 yards and also rushed for 12 yards on a reverse play which set up the game-winning field goal with four seconds remaining in the contest.

Brown, a standout for the Forest Bearcats during his high school career is the some of Ralph Brown Jr. of Purvis and Belinda Brown of Forest.

Running back Jarvis Smith (6'1", 225) of Soddy-Daisey, Tennessee, had 34 yards on four carries and made several key runs on crucial third down situations which helped the South retain possession.

Offensive lineman Brock Lillis, a 6'2", 280-pound product of Neshoba Central High School, demonstrated why he is considered one of the best blockers in the state as he registered a solid performance against Mississippi State University commitment Toby Golliday of Mississippi Delta Community College.

Over 100 coaches and scouts from senior college and professional levels attended the Classic, which annually showcases the state's top juco football players. All five Warrior All-Stars received scholarship offers from various colleges and universities to continue their athletic careers.



Jeff Brown

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

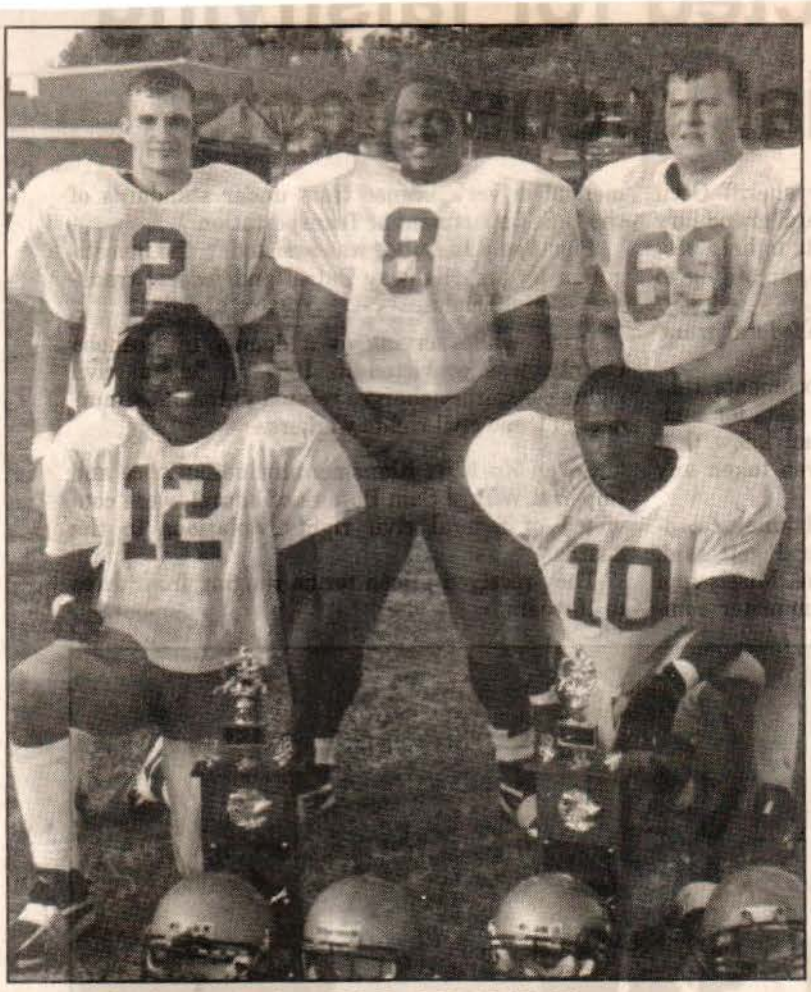
CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 12-31-98



Participate in MCJC All-Star Classic

These East Central Community College Warrior football team members recently participated in the annual Mississippi Community/Junior College All-Star Classic held at Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville. Kneeling, from left, are running back Kevin McKenzie of Plantation, Fla. and defensive back Duane Brisbon of Cross, S.C.; and standing, from left, wide receiver Jeff Brown of Forest, running back Jarvis Smith of Soddy-Daisey, Tenn., and offensive lineman Brock Lillis of Philadelphia. Brisbon was named the All-Star game's most valuable defensive player and McKenzie was named the most valuable offensive player. The Warrior standouts helped lead the South to a 15-13 victory.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ✓
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Feb 25, 1998

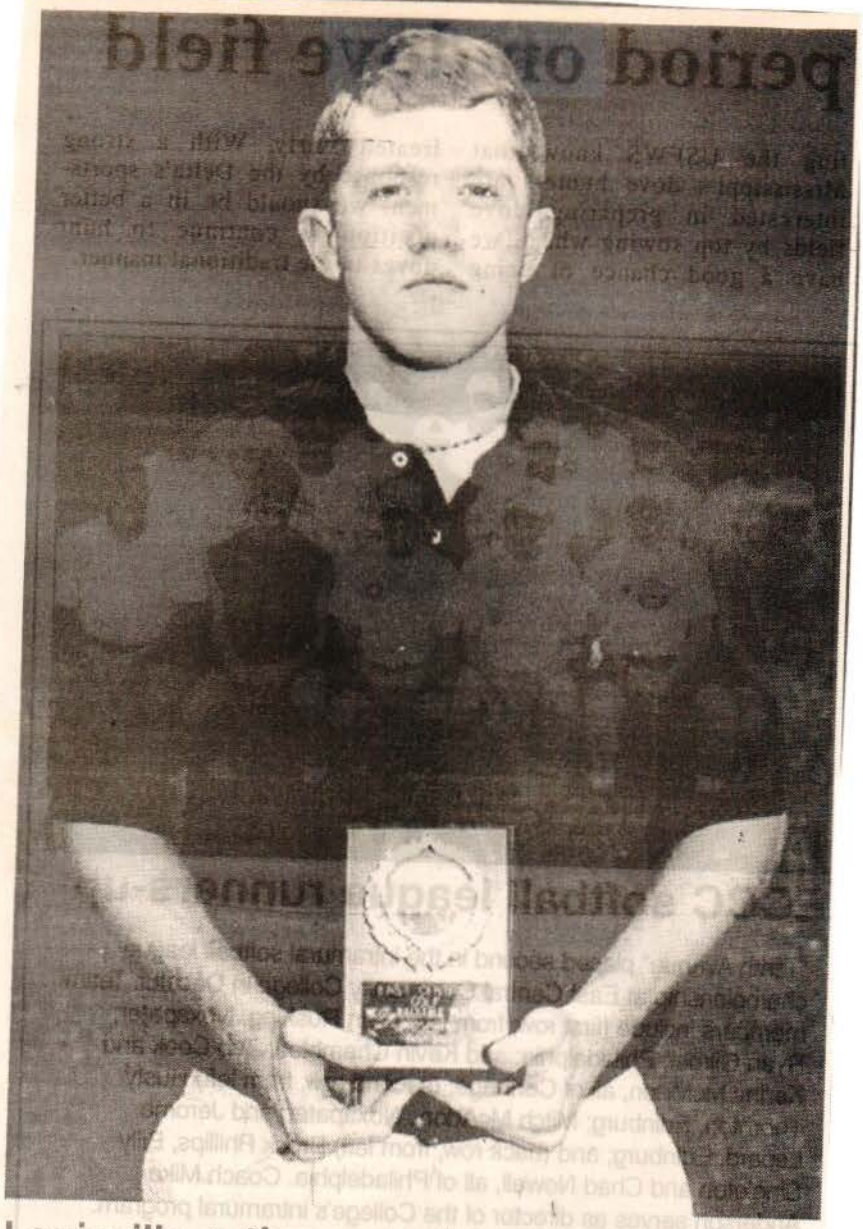
ECCC GOLF TEAM - Ready to "tee it up" for the 1998 season are members of the East Central Community college golf team who include (from left) Josh Quinn, Union; Brian Sistrunk, Carthage; Jason Hailey, Louisville; Jonathan Mills, Philadelphia; Bradley Simmons (kneeling) Conehatta; Brad Sanders, Carthage; and Daniel Turner, Decatur. The Warrior linksters are coached by Joe Clark. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD___X___
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-7-98



Louisville native named outstanding golfer

East Central Community College golf team member Jason Hailey of Louisville was recently named the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College's "Player of the Year" following 1998 competition. Hailey, who carded an average score of 75 during tournament play, was also an All-Region 23 and All-State selection. In addition, he qualified to compete in the NJCAA Golf Tournament scheduled in June at Southern Pines, North Carolina. A sophomore, Hailey was also named the Warriors' most valuable player at the annual Spring Sports Cookout/Awards Program held at Turkey Creek Water Park near Decatur.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL ✓
CLARION-LEDGER_____
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 10-26-98

ECCC GOLF TOURNEY WINNERS - East Central Community College alumni Carl Hollingsworth (left) of Decatur and Joel Nelson (right) of Newton took first place honors in their respective divisions in thh annual ECCC Alumni/Student Golf Tournament held as part of the 1998 Homecoming activities. Both men carded a 35 in the nine-hole event, held at Decatur Country Club. Hollingsworth competed in the over 55 age group and Nelson participated in the under 55 age division. Pictured with the winners is Joe Clark, ECCC golf coach and torunament director. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Jan 23, 1998

Lady Warriors upend Pearl River

By **Greg Stephenson**
The Meridian Star

DECATUR — After battling back from deficits of more than 10 points twice Thursday night, the Pearl River Lady Wildcats seemingly had East Central right where they wanted them — at the free-throw line.

The Lady Warriors' inability to make the 15-foot freebies has been costly this season, directly responsible for at least two losses, coach Sammy Pace said. But this time, East Central got the job done, connecting on 6-of-8 from the stripe in the final 1:06 to preserve a 88-82 shootout win over division-leading Pearl River at Brackeen-Wood Hall.

"Free throws have been our downfall all year," Pace said. "But we were able to hold on and hit the free throws at the end. We played some good basketball lately, but free throws and turnovers have killed us. I believe we can play with anyone, and we showed that tonight."

Along with their key connections from the free-throw line, the Lady Warriors blistered the nets from the field as well, hitting on 34-of-68 shots (50 percent). In the first half, in which they scored a season-high 48 points, the Lady Warriors were a torrid 21-of-37 (57 percent).

Guard Nicole Barrett of Morton led East Central (12-6, 4-3 in South Division) with 25 points, while Newton County's Wendy Mapp added 15 points off the bench. Forwards Sharae Brown (Scott Central) and Marina Carter (Philadelphia) also got into double figures in scoring for the Lady Warriors, with 11 points each.

"The scoring might not indicate it, but I thought we had a really balanced effort tonight," Pace said. "The post defense did a good job against their bigger players and the guards made plays on both sides. It was one of our better all-around team games."

Forward Norma Noel led Pearl River with 28 points and 14 rebounds, while All-American Punkin Byrd added 19 points and 10 boards, despite sitting out much of the game in foul trouble.

East Central jumped out to a 20-10 lead in the first half, with three-pointers by Barrett and Murray the key blows. Pearl River fought back to 32-34 at the 3:42 mark, however, keyed by 10 points by Byrd.

The Lady Warriors took command just before the half, however, getting back-to-back treys by Mapp and Barrett and two more buckets by Barrett to lead 48-36 at the break. The lead got as high as 16 at 54-38 with 17:33 to play, but four straight points by Noel cut the lead back to single digits at 14:04.

East Central used a 9-0 run to jump back on top by 16 with 6:37 to play, but Pearl River fought back again, trailing by just three at 83-80 with 49.5 seconds to go.

After a three-point attempt failed, the Lady Wildcats were forced to foul, with Noel fouling out with 39 seconds remaining. Murray hit three of four free throws, then Barrett added two more to put the game out of reach.

EAST CENTRAL 88, PEARL RIVER 82

PEARL RIVER (82): Norma Noel 28, Punkin Byrd 19, Jasmine Baldwin 15, Jessica Shanklin 11, Collette Sibley 7, Alania Pendarvis 2.

EAST CENTRAL (88): Nicole Barrett 25, Wendy Mapp 15, Sharae Brown 11, Marina Carter 11, Ellake Murray 9, Jamie Floyd 8, Charissa Williams 7, Tina Edwards 2.

Halftime score — East Central 48, Pearl River 36.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR____X____

WEEK OF 6-22-98

ATTEND ECCC SOFTBALL CAMP - These young athletes from Newton County recently participated in softball camp at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (first row, from left) Allyn Chesney of Newton County, Maggie Underwood of Sumrall, Britany Germany and Candi Vance, both of Union; and Call Underwood, Devonna Gilmer, Whitney Clearman, Ashton Benson and Kasie Buckley, all of Newton County; and (second roe, from left) ECCC softball coach Mike Anderson, and ECCC softball team members Lacy Johnson, Katie Brown, Ragan Mitchell, Nicki Sullivan and Dana Misso. (EC Photo)

PARTICIPATE IN ECCC CAMP - These Newton County athletes recently participated in softball camp at East Central Community College in Decatur. Campers include (front row, from left) Ashley Amis, Dru Anderson, Lindsey Stevens, Mandy McGrevey, Carmen Ezell, Joy Hayes and Elise Gibbs, all of Newton County. Also pictured are (back row, left to right) ECCC softball players/camp instructors Dana Misso, Lacy Johnson, Katie Brown, Ragan Mitchell and Nicki Sullivan; and ECCC softball coach Mike Anderson. (EC Photo)

APPEAR
LAKE ME
SCOTT C
UNION A
WINSTO
CLARION

WEEK OF 6-1-98

Members of the East Central Community College softball team who received awards are, from left, Ragan Mitchell (All-Region 23), Dana Misso (Best Defensive Player), Stephanie Craig (Captain's Award), and Wendy Mapp (Best Offensive Player, All-Region 23, and All-State. Not pictured is Memrie Rawson (Most Improved). The Lady Warriors went 32-25 this spring.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL ✓
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-1-92

Big Sticks

"Big Sticks" recently won the intramural softball league championship at East Central Community College. The team featured four players from Carthage: Bobby Moss, Steve Woitt, Shad Sanders and Brian Sistrunk.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN ✓

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 5-13-98

Manigold signs to continue career with ECCC

Louisville High School senior Brooke Manigold (seated, left) recently signed a national letter of intent to continue her softball career at East Central Community College in Decatur. Present at the signing were her mother, Sharon Mitchell and ECCC softball coach Mike Anderson.

ECC signees include three from Winston County

From staff reports

East Central community college landed three local students to play softball last week. The three Winston County signees include Brooke Manigold, Kaci Allen and Nicki Sullivan.

Thirteen area softball standouts have signed national letters of intent to continue their athletic careers at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Lady Warriors coach Mike Anderson.

Signees and their respective high schools include Lacey Johnson, Carthage; Arletha Moncrief, Newton; Kaci Allen and Brooke Manigold, both of Louisville; Allison Bailey, Amanda Harris, Amanda Ivey and Bridgett Stamper, all of Newton County; Sasha Champion, Nicki Dean, Labreeka Chesney and Leann Stampley of Newton Academy and Nicki Sullivan, Nanih Waiya.

APPEARED IN:
LAKE MESSENGER
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL ✓
CLARION-LEDGER
NEWSTON DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF 5-13-98

Sullivan inks to play softball at ECCC

Nicki Sullivan (seated, left) a senior at Nanih Waiya High School, recently signed a national letter of intent to continue her softball career at East Central Community College in Decatur. Present at the signing were her mother, Mary Sullivan and ECCC softball coach Mike Anderson.

ECCC announces softball signees

Thirteen area softball standouts have signed national letters of intent to continue their athletic careers at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Lady Warriors coach Mike Anderson.

See story, page 4B

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL ✓
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 5-13-98

LHS student signs to play softball with ECCC

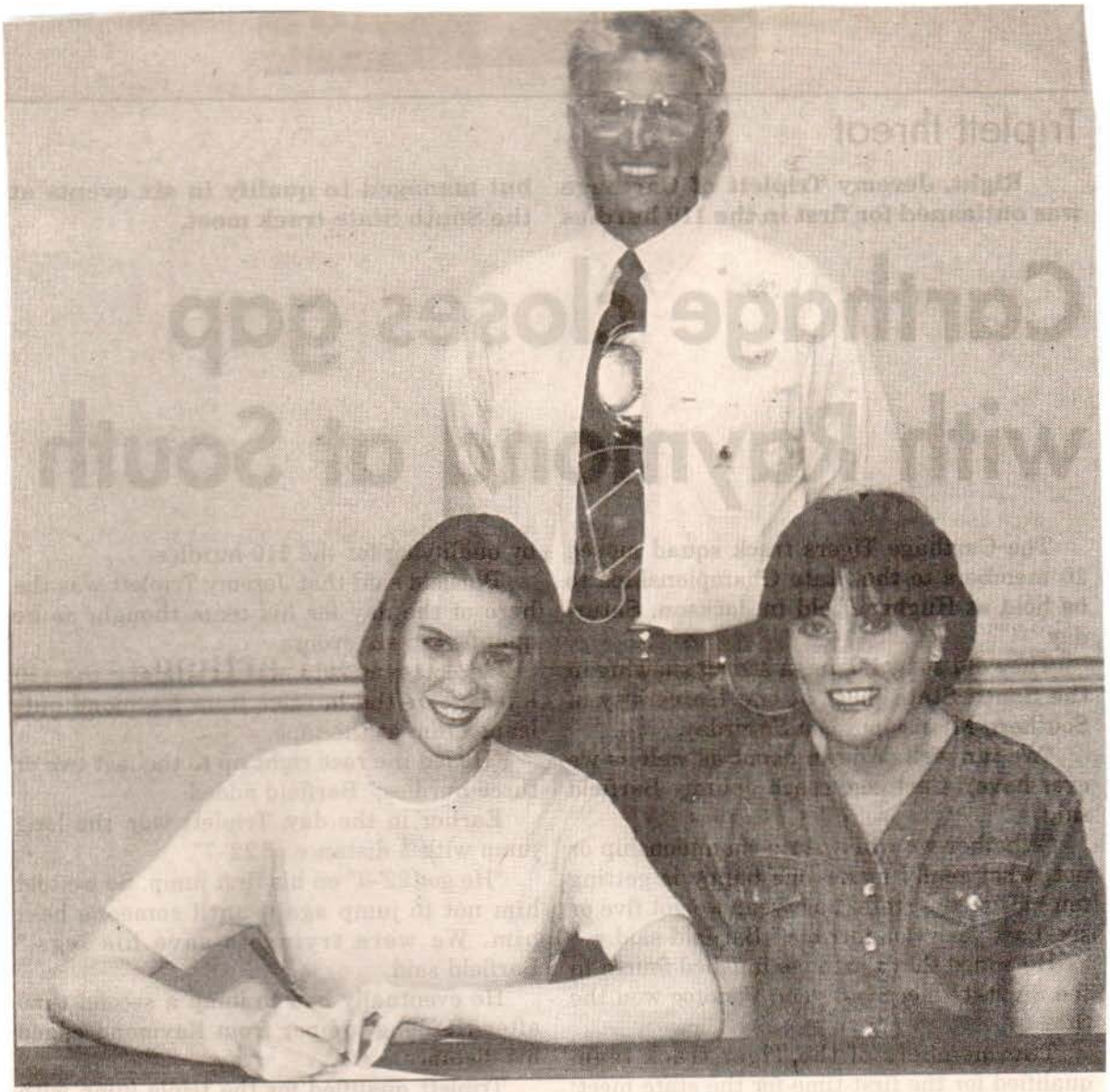
Kaci Allen (seated, center), a senior at Louisville High School, recently signed a national letter of intent to continue her softball career at East Central Community College in Decatur. Present at the signing were her parents, (seated from left) Delver Allen and Carol Allen, and ECCC softball coach Mike Anderson.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL ✓
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 5-6-98



Johnson signing

Lacey Johnson of Carthage recently signed a letter of intent to play with the ECCC Diamond Lady Warriors begining next season. The Lady Warriors finis this season with a third place state fini

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN X

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 5-6-98

Spears honored

East Central Community College sophomore Amy Spears of Lena was presented the George O. Bierkoe Distinguished Member Award at the 1998 Phi Theta Kappa International Convention held recently in Nashville, TN. Spears, a member of the College's Theta Xi Chapter, was one of only 25 recipients representing the over 1200 Phi Theta Kappa organizations to receive the prestigious award. Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for two-year colleges with chapters in all 50 states, Canada, Germany and U.S. territories abroad.

EC softball finishes season 3rd in state

Another successful season has come to an end for the East Central softball team.

The Lady Warriors, led by sixth-year head coach Mike Anderson, placed third in the state and regional tournaments held this past weekend in New Albany. East Central posted wins over East Mississippi, 8-6, and Holmes, 13-1, before falling to Jones, 8-5, and Co-Lin, 10-1.

East Central completed season play with a 32-25 record, and surpassed last year's record victory total of 30 wins.

For more information about the Lady Warrior softball program contact Coach Anderson, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph 635-2111 ext. 249 or 301.

In related East Central news, Lacey Johnson has signed a national letter of intent to play softball for the Lady Warriors next season.

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

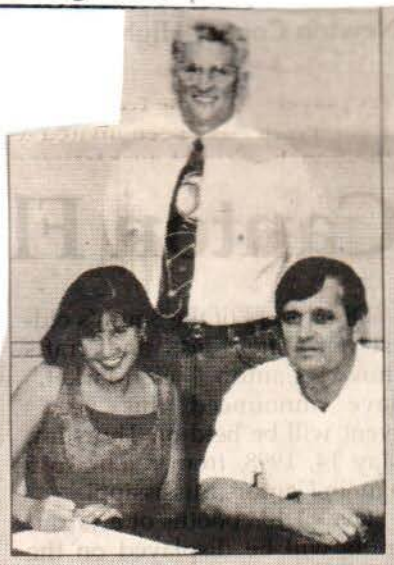
WEEK OF 5-6-98

ECCC softball signees

Sasya Champion, a senior at Newton County Academy, recently signed a national letter of intent to continue her softball career at EC. Shown with Champion is EC softball coach Mike Anderson.

Allison Bailey, a senior at Newton County High School, center, recently signed a national letter of intent to continue her softball career at EC. Pictured with Bailey are her parents, Al and Freda Bailey, and EC coach Mike Anderson.

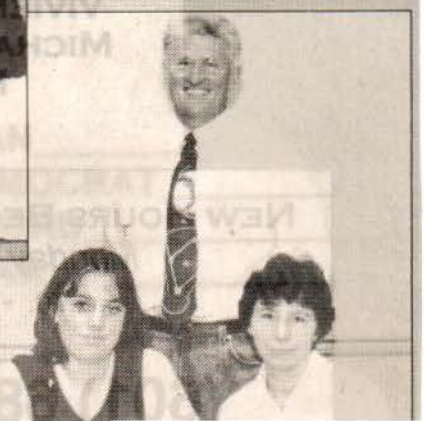
Nicki Dean, a senior at Newton County Academy, recently signed a national letter of intent to continue her softball career at EC. Pictured with Dean are her mother, Suzanne Dean, and EC softball coach Mike Anderson.



LaBreeska Chesney, photo at left, recently signed a national letter of intent to continue her softball career at EC. Chesney is a senior at Newton County Academy. Also pictured are her mother, Jimmie Chesney, and EC softball coach Mike Anderson.

Amanda Harris (at right), a senior at Newton County High School, recently signed a national letter of intent to play softball at EC. Shown with Harris is EC coach Mike Anderson.

Bridgett Stamper (photo at left), a senior at Newton County High School, recently signed a national letter of intent to continue her softball career at EC. Shown with Stamper are her mother, Debbie, and EC coach Mike Anderson.



Mandi Ivey (photo at right), a senior at Newton County High School, recently signed a national letter of intent to continue

LeAnn Stampley (photo at right), a senior at Newton County Academy, recently

WEEK OF March 22, 1998

Lady Warriors, Lady Lions split softball doubleheader

The women's softball teams of East Mississippi Community College and East Central Community College split a doubleheader on Friday.

EMCC won the opener 21-10, while East Central took the second game 16-13.

The East Mississippi Community College Lady Lions, now 3-2 on the year, plays host to Coahoma Community College for North Division doubleheader on Monday.

— *From Staff Reports*

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

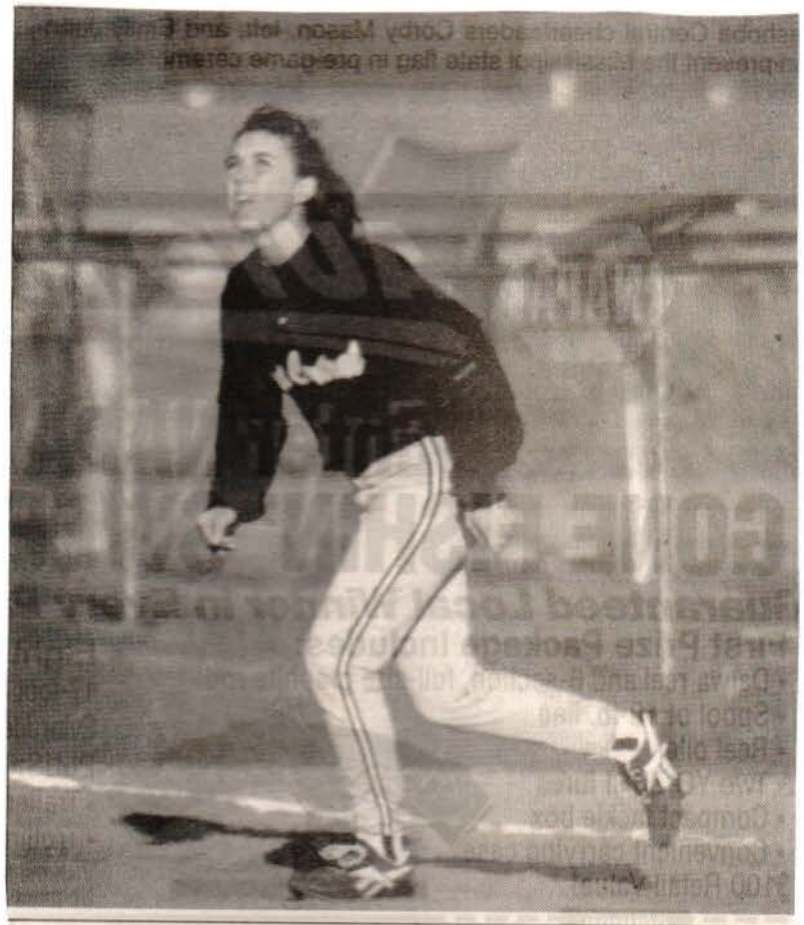
CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR X

WEEK OF March 18, 1998



Autumn Townsend of Neshoba Central runs the bases during a recent softball game at East Central Community College.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

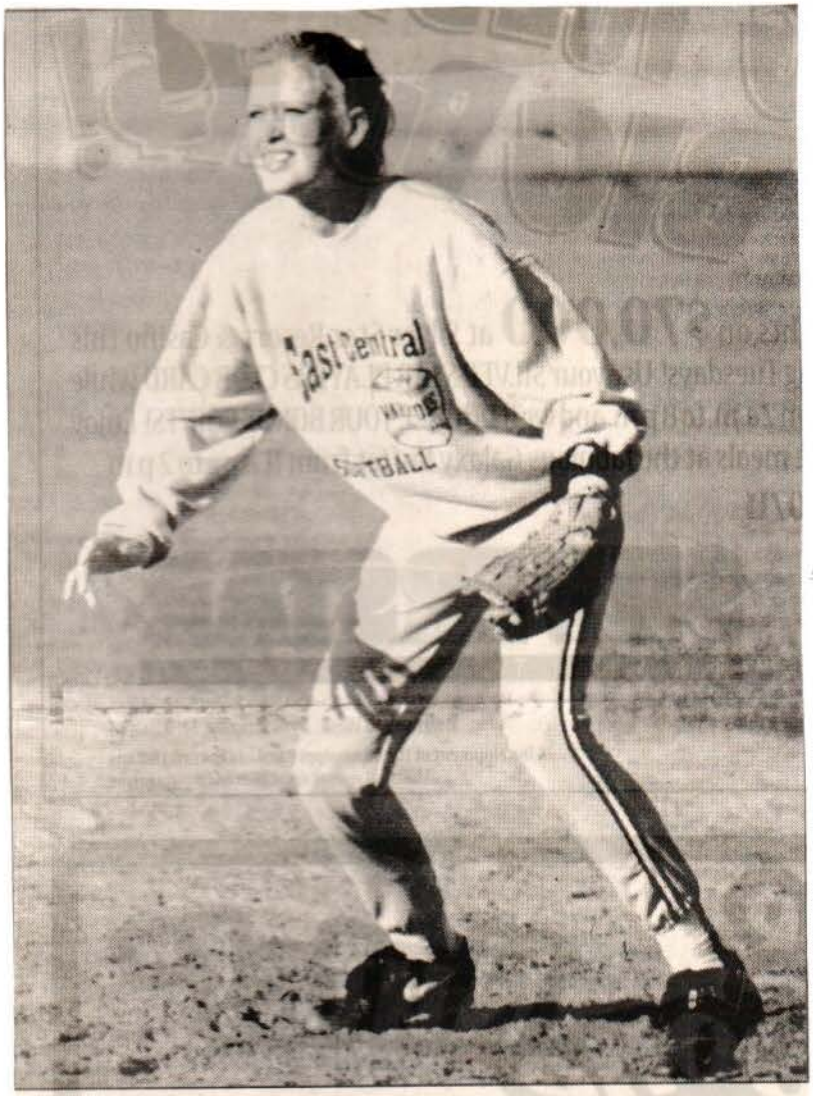
CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT X

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF March 18, 1998



East Central Lady Warrior first baseman Stephanie Craig of Hickory gets ready to make a play during a recent softball game in Decatur.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES X
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF March 2, 1998

MCC, ECCC open up Region 23 play today

By **Mike Grubb**
The Meridian Star

The Meridian Community College Lady Eagles and the East Central Community College Lady Warriors will begin play in the Region 23 Basketball Tournament today at Mississippi College in Clinton.

The 18-6 Lady Eagles of MCC will tip things off at 1 p.m. today against Pearl River Community College.

Jackie Winfield, Kimberly Henry and Sherita Walker will lead the Lady Eagles.

ECCC's Lady Warriors will open up play at 6 p.m. today against Northeast Mississippi Community College.

If MCC and ECCC win today, they would be back in action again Wednesday. The Lady Eagles would play 6 p.m. against the Copiah-Lincoln-Itawamba winner. The Lady Warriors would play at 1 p.m. against the Northwest-Jones winner.

In men's action, the East Mississippi Community College Lions and the Meridian Community College Eagles will begin Region 23 Tournament action Tuesday.

The Lions will hit the hardwod at 1 p.m. against Northwest Mississippi Community College.

The Eagles of MCC will fly into action at 8 Tuesday nigh against Northeast Mississipp Community College.

If EMCC and MCC wir Tuesday, they would be back ir action again Wednesday.

The Lions would square of with the Bossier Parish-Southwest winner at 3 p.m. while MCC would play at 8 p.m against the Pearl River-Gul Coast winner.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Feb. 11, 1998

ECCC women win 10 of last 12 games

The Lady Warriors of East Central Community College continued their strong late-season finish as they added two more wins to their total last week.

With 10 wins in their last 12 games, the EC women came into the final week of the regular season with a 16-6 record.

The Warriors split their two games last week as their record was 10-13 going into Monday's South Division game with Jones in Decatur.

Both EC teams complete regular season play at Copiah-Lincoln on Thursday. The South State Tournament begins Monday at Pearl River.

• **EC women 72, Holmes 56:** The Lady Warriors pulled out to a 38-26 halftime lead in thumping Holmes in Goodman on Feb. 2.

Wendy Mapp of Newton County led EC with 14 points. Denise Chapman of Newton scored 13, Nicole Barrett and Charissa Williams both had 12, Jamie Floyd added eight, and Marina Carter scored six.

EC improved to 15-6, while Holmes slumped to 7-15.

• **EC men 77, Holmes 70:** The Warriors outscored Holmes 46-39 in the second half to take the Feb. 2 win at Goodman.

Herbert Montgomery of Lafayette, La., led the Warriors with 28 points. Gilberto Venzen tossed in 22 as EC improved to 10-12.

Danielle Johnson added 10, Ken Russell of Newton County had nine, and Brian Hillie of Newton added four.

Holmes, 6-16, was led by Eric Jackson's 17 points. Mario Edwards had 12 and David Adams added 11.

The non-division contest was knotted at 31-31 at halftime.

• **EC women 87, Hinds 70:** The Lady Warriors pulled away late to whip Hinds by 17 points Thursday in Decatur.

EC carried a 44-38 lead into halftime.

Nicole Barrett of Morton had 26 points and Wendy Mapp had 23 to lead the way for EC.

Denise Chapman and Jamie Floyd both had 11, while Charissa Williams tossed in eight. Marina Carter and Quintina Edwards both added four.

EC improved to 16-6 overall and 7-3 in the South Division.

Dee Hunter, Trilisa Wright, and Lenell Ellis each had 19 for Hinds (2-19, 1-9).

• **Hinds men 53, EC 49:** Hinds made a 27-22 halftime lead hold up in taking the turnover-plagued division contest Thursday in Decatur.

Gilberto Venzen led the Warriors with 14 points. Ken Russell had seven, Herbert Montgomery and Toronto Parker both had five, Brian Hillie had four, and Bobby Carter and Danielle Johnson both had three.

EC fell to 10-13 overall and 2-8 in the South Division.

Wilson Tillman led Hinds with 13, while Damien White added 11.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL X
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Feb. 11, 1998

Lady Warriors Continue Win Streak

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors claimed their fourth straight victory and third consecutive division win by outscoring Hinds 87-70 Thursday night in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus. East Central's women, now 16-6 overall and 7-3 in South Division action, are in tight battle for league honors as regular season action concludes this week.

Pacing the Lady Warrior attack was Morton High School product Nicole Barrett who pumped in 26 points. Other scorers were Wendy Mapp of Newton County 23; Denise Chapman of Newton and Jamie Floyd of Smackover, Arkansas, 11 each; Charissa Williams of Terrebonne, Louisiana, eight each; Marina Carter of Philadelphia and Tina Edwards of Vigor, Alabama, four each.

East Central led 44-38 at half-time.

In men's play, the Warriors fell 53-45 to the visiting Bulldogs. East Central pointmakers were Gilberto Venzen of Dodge County, Georgia, 14; Ken Russell of Newton County, seven; Herbert Montgomery of Lafayette, Louisiana and Toronto Parker of Forest, five each; Brian Hillie of Newton, four; Bobby Carter of Noxapater and Danielle Johnson of Dodge County, Georgia, three each; Desmond Reed and Tim Overstreet, both of Carthage, two each.

Hinds led 27-22 at half-time.

In games played Monday, February 2, both ECCC-squads claimed victories at Holmes Community College in Goodman. The Lady Warriors cruised to a 72-56 win and the Warriors held on for a 77-70 decision.

Pointmakers for the East Central women were Mapp, 14; Chapman, 13; Barrett and Williams, 12 each; Floyd, eight; Carter, six; Edwards, four; Brown, two; and Sonya Pinkston of Forest, one.

East Central led 38-26 at half-time.

Warrior scorers were Montgomery, 28; Venzen, 20; John, 10; Russell, nine; Hillie, four; Ray Waddell of Philadelphia, three; and Carter one.

The score was deadlocked 31-31 at half-time.

Only two regular season games remain for both squads - home contests with Jones on Monday, February 9, and away matchups with Co-Lin on Thursday, February 12. South State Tournament action is scheduled February 16-19 at Pearl River Community College in Poplarville.

APPEARED IN:
LAKE MESSENGER
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD X
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF Feb. 4 1998

ECCC SOFTBALL TEAM

Above are members of the East Central Community Softball team for the 1998 campaign. Kneeling from left are outfielders Coco Mapp and Sandra Lampkin, both of Newton County, Stephanie Moody of Nanih Waiya and Katie Brown of Sebastopol; infielders Christy Sanders of Leake Academy and Autumn Townsend of Neshoba Central; outfielders Memrie Rawson of Carthage and Regena McCraw of Sebastopol; infielder Boosie Carter of Noxapater; and outfielder Tomeka Sutton of Philadelphia. Standing from left are manager Marquitta Harper of Carthage; outfielder Stephanie Gray of Lake; infielders Kristina Harris of Newton and Ginger Moore of Noxapater; pitcher/infielder Stephanie Craig of Newton County; catcher Carla Phillips of Sebastopol; manager Dana Withers of Carthage; pitcher Ragan Mitchell of Nanih Waiya; and manager Davis Fulton of Neshoba Central. The Lady Warriors are coached by Mike Anderson.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER X
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF Jan 28, 1998

ECCC scholar athletes

These members of the Lady Warrior Softball Team at East Central Community College all achieved a 3.0 or better grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) during the fall semester. Pictured are (front row, from left) Carla Phillips of Sebastopol, Ragan Mitchell of Nanih Waiya, Christy Sanders of Leake Academy, Memrie Rawson of Carthage and Autumn Townsend of Neshoba Central; and (back row, from left) Dana Withers of Carthage, Katie Brown of Sebastopol, Ginger Moore of Noxapater, Stephanie Craig of Newton County, Regena McCraw of Sebastopol and Sandra Lampkin of Newton County. Mitchell and Moore were given special recognition for achieving a perfect 4.0 GPA. Not pictured is Stefanie Moody of Nanih Waiya. Mike Anderson serves as coach of the Lady Warriors. (EC photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES X
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 1-5-98

Join ECCC Math Club.....

Join ECCC Math Club.....These East Central Community College students were recently inducted into the college's chapter of Mu Alpha Theta, an organization for outstanding math students. Pictured are (front row, from left) Latrecia Johnson, and Charity Waller, both of Newton County; Cynthia bout of Sebastopol, Ragan Mitchell and Virginia Stokes, both of Nanih Waiya; and Scicile Wilkerson of Morton; (second row, from left) Amanda McMillan of Lake, Marci Hollingsworth of Newton County, Kamonica Craig of Louisville, Teresa Walker of Newton, Courtney Wilcher of Edinburg and Jill Ray of Leake Academy; (third row, from left) Sheila Coleman of Nanih Waiya, AMy Clark of Winston Academy, Laura Tadlock of Lake, and Charles Leflore, Angela Hays and Betina Latiker, all of Carthage; and (top row, from left) Brad Creel of Lake, Brad Walley of Forest, Cody Fisher of Union and Tony Lilly and Phillip Smith, both of Philadelphia. (EC Photo)

NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

WEEK OF 1-5-98

Organizations / Clubs

ECCC VICA officers

Pictured above are VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) officers at East Central Community College in Decatur. From left are Harold Hollingsworth of Meridian, president; Casey Peebles of Philadelphia, vice-president; Pamela Luke of Little Rock, secretary; James Palmertree of Forest, treasurer; Michael Whittington of Carthage, reporter; Kunta Hickmon of Union, parliamentarian; and Natasha Smith of Forest, officer-at-large. Lester Miles, heating and air-conditioning technology instructor, serves as sponsor.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ✓
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 1-5-98

Orientation / Enrollment

Record enrollment expected at EC

The activity has returned to East Central Community College this week and when all is said and done the two-year school expects to have its biggest spring semester enrollment ever.

"Everything's going just great right now," said Raymond McMullan, director of admissions. "Our preregistration showed that we would have an increase of over 200 and it looks like we are going to get every bit of that."

While the students were still moving in on Tuesday, McMullan said he expects all available dorm spaces to be filled.

McMullan says the increase enrollment at community colleges is becoming more of a trend each semester.

"I think it's for several reasons," he said. "One is that more people are just going to school and another is that we are attracting more non-traditional students and the new programs always help."

He also said that the number of night classes were increasing.

The final totals won't be released until later in the month, but he says the activity early this week has to be looked at as a good sign.

"We're busy, and that's always good," he said.

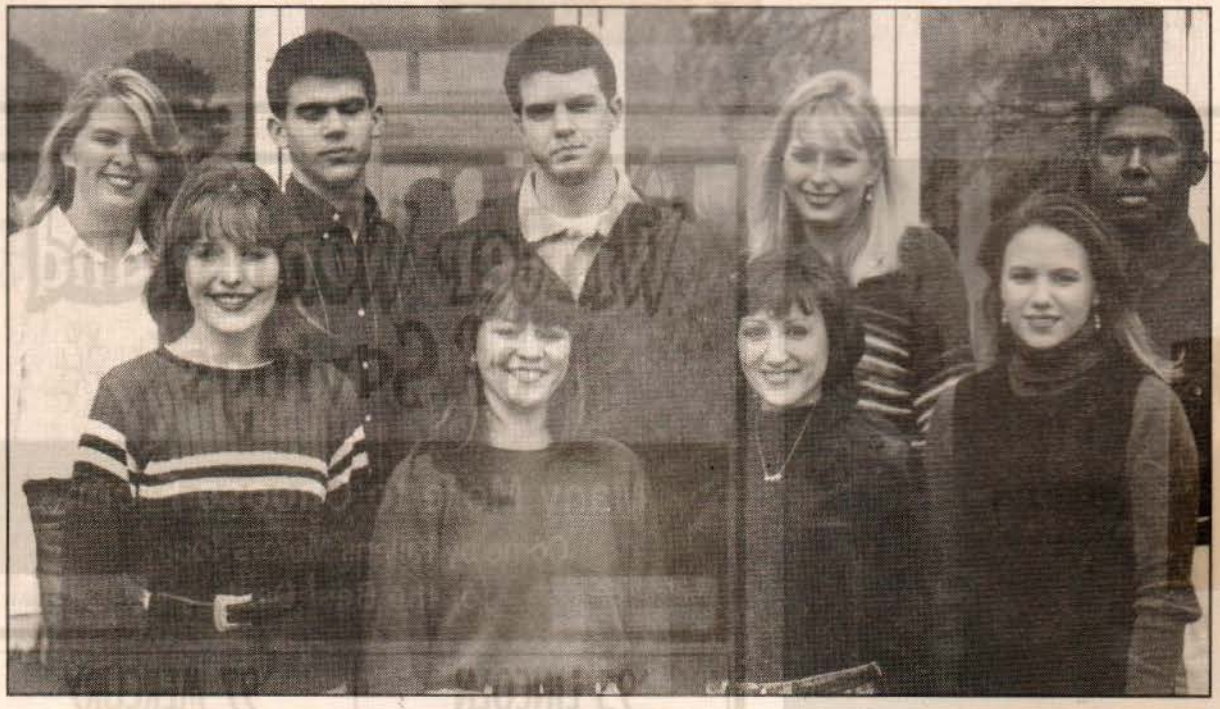
East Central was set to begin its spring semester classes on Wednesday.

Above, Bookstore employe Jennifer Cooper helps student Teresa Walker. Right, students pay their fees.

APPEARED IN
LAKE MESSENGER
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF 1-5-98

Awards



Named to Who's Who

These Scott County students are among 50 from East Central Community College who will be listed in the 1998 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges". From left, (first row), are Vickie McGee of Scott Central, Regena McCraw of Sebastopol, Ashlea Renfroe of Morton and Joni French of Forest; and (back row) Suzanne Warren of Leake Academy and Chris Haralson of Scott Central; Brian Shaw of Forest, Krisan Risher of Sebastopol, and Alex Lee of Lake. Other honorees from Scott County, but not pictured, include Julie Laird of Lake and Sarah Whitesell of Scott Central. Students were selected on the basis of academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. (EC photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 1-5-98

Events

EC students shoot for free food

Six East Central Community College students will compete for the chance to win a $750 meal plan value as part of a special promotion sponsored by the Kellogg Company.

Participants in the "Tony the Tiger Takes a Shot" event will test their basketball shooting skills for a chance at the grand prize during halftime activities of ECCC's South Division matchups with Copiah-Lincoln on Tuesday, Jan. 20 in Decatur.

Those selected to participate will be selected from random following a campus drawing. The six contestants will then battle each other in a "shootout" event during halftime of the women's game to determine who will take the half-court shot to win the grand prize.

The top pointmaker will have one chance to sink the half-court shot, scheduled during halftime of the men's game. If the student makes the shot, he or she will receive the $750 meal plan, courtesy of Kellogg and ARAMARK food service companies. ARAMARK provides food service at ECCC.

Kellogg's "Tony Takes a Shot" is an event held nationwide and is designated to create a fun, competitive atmosphere on college and university campuses.

"Tony the Tiger" will also be in attendance and available for photos.

ECCC Board Officers.....Selected to serve a second two-year term as officers of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees are (from left) Jerry Nance, secretary, of Louisville; Billy Nicholson, vice chairman, of Union; and Prentice Copeland, chairman, of Philadelphia. The officers were elected at the Board's December meeting held on the Decatur campus. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL ✓

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 1-5-98

Local colleges hold spring registration

By **Gwen Woods**
The Meridian Star

Students planning to attend college this semester have a final chance to register for classes this week at local colleges.

"We have waiting lists on both campuses and our parking lots are completely full, but all of these are great problems to have to begin a new semester," said Thomas Davis, president of East Mississippi Community College in Scooba. "We have preregistered more than we ever have and we are anticipating our largest enrollment for spring semester classes."

Registration activities for EMCC will be held Monday and Tuesday at Stennis Hall on the campus, beginning at 8 a.m. each morning. Classes are scheduled to begin Wednesday.

Meridian Community College will hold registration on Tuesday and Wednesday on campus. Classes will begin Monday, Jan. 12.

MSU-Meridian will hold walk-in registration in the multi-purpose room on campus Tuesday and Wednesday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. both days. Classes will begin Monday, Jan. 12.

Registration and orientation activities for students planning to attend regular classes at East Central Community College in Decatur will begin Tuesday at 9 a.m. Classes will begin on Wednesday.

Students involved in evening classes offered through ECCC can register Monday through Thursday with classes beginning Monday, Jan. 12.

"We are very excited about the additional students at East Central," said Eddie Smith, president of East Central Community College. "We are pleased that more and more students want to be here."

Officials at The University of West Alabama in Livingston, Ala. said they expect enrollment to be similar to that of the last winter quarter, with fewer students than last quarter.

The University of West Alabama will hold registration Monday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wallace Hall on the campus. Classes are scheduled to begin on Tuesday.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 1-12-98

Freshman nursing class officers

These Associate Degree Nursing students were recently elected officers of the freshman nursing class at East Central Community College in Decatur. From left are Shea Trapp of Philadelphia, treasurer; Becky Harrell of Forest, secretary; and Mary Warren, vice president and Denise Willis, president, both of Philadelphia. Nancy Harris serves as director of the ADN program at ECCC.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER _____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL _____

CLARION-LEDGER _____

CARTHAGINIAN _____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT _____

NEWTON RECORD _____

MERIDIAN STAR _____

WEEK OF 1-12-98

ECCC ASNEC officers

These associate degree nursing students at East Central Community College in Decatur were recently elected officers of ASNEC (Associate Degree Nursing Students at East Central). From left are Donna Tubby of Carthage, president; Shea Trapp of Philadelphia, vice president; Tammie Walker of Hickory, treasurer; and Lisa Beeland, secretary, and Denise John, representative, both of Philadelphia. Nancy Harris serves as director of the ADN program at ECCC. (EC photo).

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ✓
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 1-12-98

Pat Fordice to attend ECCC meeting

Mrs. Pat Fordice will meet with East Central Community College officials, alumni and other invited guests during luncheon activities scheduled Friday, January 16, 1998, on the Decatur campus.

Mississippi's First Lady will discuss the "Splendors of Mississippi" beautification and clean-up project, which includes the planting of yellow wild flowers throughout the state for the upcoming Splendors of Versailles exhibit in Jackson April 1 to August 31, 1998.

According to Larry Hogue, ECCC director of development and alumni relations, luncheon discussions will also focus on campus beautification/landscaping/education needs at East Central.

Hogue said the meeting will convened by ECCC alumni, the Rev. Jane Todd Gurry of Raleigh, North Carolina, and Dr. Joe Todd of Cincinnati, Ohio. Their father, the late Dr. L. O. Todd, served as ECCC President from 1934-53.

Hosting the meeting will be current ECCC President Dr. Eddie M. Smith. Other College officials, alumni and others interested in further beautification of the Decatur campus will attend. A tour of the campus will follow the meeting.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL ✓
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

East Central announces fall semester honor roll

Students named to the 1997 fall semester honor roll, including the President's List, Dean's List and Honorable Mention list, have been announced at East Central Community College in Decatur, according to Raymond McMullan, director of admissions, records, and research.

Those students listed on the **President's List** with a 4.0 grade point average include the following:

NESHOBA COUNTY: Donnie Atkinson, Candice Beason, Paula Crawford, Brandi Duncan, John Fitzgerald, Davis Fulton, James Jenkins, Tony Lilly, Ragan Mitchell, Sarah Prim, Kristopher Robertson, Priscilla Sanders, Natalie Smith, Mary Warren and Johnanne Willis, all of Philadelphia.

NEWTON COUNTY: Jacqueline Amerson, Emily Bullock, Detra Carter, Jeremy Chaney, Marci Hollingsworth and Christina Pearce, all of Decatur; Deanna Bankston, Kimberly Burton, Lisa Chesney, Jennifer McDaniel, Kevin McMahan, Leslie Nelson, Rebecca Owen and Susan Staton, all of Union; Stephanie Bugg, Lee Eady and Ashaki McCoy, all of Lawrence; Mary Crocker, Janet Harrison and Pamela Luke, all of Little Rock; Clifton Curry and Tommy Mize, both of Newton; Cody Fisher and Robert Wall, both of Conehatta; and Jeffrey Hansford, Hickory.

Williams, all of Newton.

NESHOBA COUNTY: Jennifer Alford, William Anderson, Lorenzo Bell, Baron Burkes, Amanda Burt, Mark Fleming, David Gilmer, Crystal Lewis, Justin Long, Mellie Mathis, James McCoy, Dennis McDill, Bobby Morrow, Kimberly Nicholson, Krystal Nowell, Andrea Robertson, Tina Salter, Zachary Sanders, Keyla Seward, Philip Smith, Terry Smith, Vincent Spencer, Kim Stewart, Jarrod Taylor, Pachasia Thompson, Autumn Townsend, Wendy Tullos, Jennifer Turner, Penny White, Amy Williamson, Tarita Williamson, Jason Willis and Catherine York, all of Philadelphia.

The following students were named to the **Honorable Mention List** and earned a 3.0 or above grade point average:

NEWTON COUNTY: Rebecca Addy, Leslee Carter, Karen Coffman, Terry Drew, Jacqueline Gardner, Mark Gillock, James Hansford, Melanie Harris, Tori Jordan, Natasha Mathis, Debra Miller, Percy Pearson, Jodene Rice, Betty Searcy, Kimberly Shaffer, Jeremy Smith, Sonya Smith, James Stephenson, Jeremy Turner, Charles Walker and Carla Woodall, all of Decatur; Jerri Adkins, Mary Adkins, Catha Allison, Tracy Barnes, Dea Dolan, Crystal Germany, Cindy Goss, Christy Gross, Alethia Hitt, Jason Jones, Suzanne Jones, Lisa Nelson, Angela Patterson, Angie Rash, Charles Schellbach, Penny Sharp, Michelle Smith and Misty Smith, all of Union; Stephen Airhart, Tammy Crabtree, April Crocker, Bethany Laird, Janet McKee and Stephanie Spangler, all of Little Rock; Brandi Archie, Amy Clark, Darrell Embrey, Chas Evans and Crystal Pate, all of Chunky; Leslie Brackeen, Carrie Griffith, William Smith, Kristie Temple and Tambra Walker, all of Hickory; Crystal Chapman, Krystal Harrison, Brenda Holder, Valerie Jones, Maxim Lobentovich, Patricia Moore, Heather Munn, Sharon Nix, Kiwana Norman, Robin Overstreet, Lindy Pace, Mary Shelton, Patricia Snowden, Tamekia Surrell and Gregory Willis, all of Newton; Ryan Chickaway, Danny Haralson, Michelle Hillman, Hillary Johnson, Sandra Lampkin, Charles Ware and Tasha Wolverton, all of Conehatta; Stephanie McLemore, Stacey Mills, Audrey Parker, William Thornton and Jamanda Walker, all of Lawrence.

NESHOBA COUNTY: Steven Alford, Ashley Allard, Melissa Allen, Brenda Apperson, Pamela Atkinson, Norma Bacon, Wendy Belk, Cyrus Ben, Elijah Ben, Timothy Boswell, Tammy Bradley, Amanda Burks, Stacey Carpenter, Jennifer Covington, Kory Culpepper, Rusty Cumberland, Mary Edwards, Shirley Evans, Benjamin Fulton, Elizabeth George, Kellie Goss, Douglas Graham, Robert Hardy, Bryant Henry, Stephen Jenkins, Brock Lissis, Yancie Miles, Jonath Mills, Beverly Moody, Kizzy Moo Candee Nance, Essie Overstre Brian Pendergrass, Brock Philli Mary Prim, Derek Russell, Sha Spears, Barbara Tingle, Sh Trapp, Linda Tucker, Thom White, Courtney Wilcher a Christy Williamson, all Philadelphia.

The **Dean's List** includes the following students with a 3.5 or above grade point average:

NEWTON COUNTY: Kelly Alexander, Little Rock; Amanda Brashear, Lisa Cleveland, Kristi Conrad, Carla Ezelle, Stephanie Joyner, Michael Lee, Keekee Michael, Amanda Miles, Richard Rea, Rhett Rivers, Billy Singleton, Celeste Staton and Kenneth Thrash, all of Union; Katie Brown and Jennifer Lathem, both of Conehatta; Raland Burks, Hickory; Derek Burton, Genise Campbell, Amy Dellaria, Dennis Evans, Quiana Green, Kimberly Hollingsworth, Kristi Jones, Michelle Lee, Jennifer Pace, Jade Parkes and Adria Stamper, all of Decatur; Julie Clanton, Stephen May and Teresa Walker, all of Lawrence; Stephanie Craig, Lori Darsey, Latrecia Johnson and Marissa McGee, all of Hickory; Lori Ferguson and Candace Oliver, both of Little Rock; Holly Hamrick, Danna Jones, Jermaine Jones, Malinda Melton, Sonji Thomas, Ronnie Thrash and Jason

WEEK OF Jan 21 1998

APPEARED IN:
LAKE MESSENGER ____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ____
UNION APPEAL ____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL ____
CLARION-LEDGER ____

CARTHAGINI
NESHOBA DE
NEWTON REC
MERIDIAN ST

ECCC Offers Free ABE, GED Classed

Adults who need to improve basic skills in math, science, history or English can take advantage of free classes offered by East Central Community College in Decatur. Classes are held at various locations throughout the College's district, which includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties. The College also administers the General Education Development (GED) test for those in need of the high school equivalency diploma.

In Leake County, ABE classes are offered from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays at the Carthage High School Library, and from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Thomastown High School.

ABE classes in Neshoba County are held from 6 to 9 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at Philadelphia High School's Fibernet 2000 Lab; from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vo-Tech Center; and from 9 to 11 a.m. and 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Library.

In Newton County, ABE classes are offered from 8 to 11 a.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays on ECCC's South Campus; from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Newton Elementary School Library; and from 6 to 9 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays at Union High School.

ABE classes in Scott County are held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays at the Forest/Scott County Vo-Tech Center, and from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Morton High School. In addition, ESL (English as a Second Language) classes are offered from 10:30 a.m. to noon and 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Trinity Mission Center.

For more information contact the Office of Adult and Continuing Education, ECCC, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext. 278.

WEEK OF Jan 21, 1998

ECCC Choir to Perform at Thalia Mara Hall

The East Central Community College Concert Choir will participate in the mass choral concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, in Thalia Mara Hall in celebration of the MS Community and Junior College Choral Festival's 50th anniversary, announced Charles Hinson, ECCC choral director. The MS Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Colman Pearce, will accompany the combined choirs in Beethoven's "Mass in C" and Faure's "Requiem." Nearly 800 students will be divided into two choirs with each choir singing one of the selections. Tickets for the concert are $5 available at the hall the evening of concert. For more information contact Charles Hinson, ECCC, P. O. Box 129, Decatur or phone 635-2111, ext 225.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD___X___
MERIDIAN STAR_____

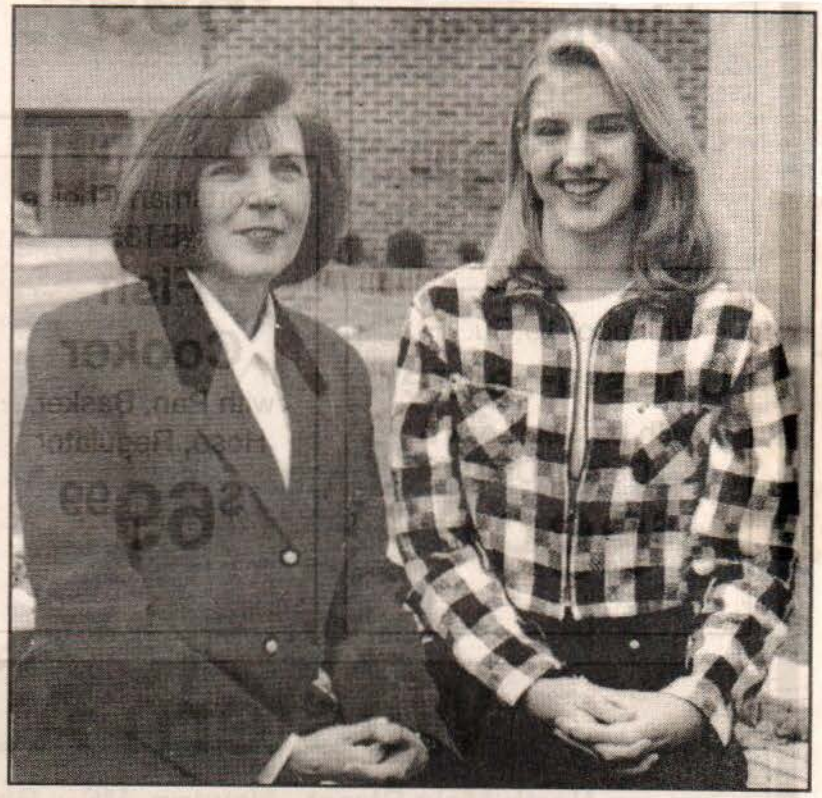
WEEK OF Jan 28, 1998

Instructor, student to receive recognition

East Central Community College English instructor Virginia Pace and sophomore Emily Bullock, both of Decatur, were recently selected ECCC's outstanding HEADWAE faculty member and student for the 1997-98 college term.

The honorees will be recognized along with other representatives of the state's public and private colleges and universities during luncheon activities scheduled in Jackson for Feb. 17. A booklet featuring biographical sketches and pho-

See HEADWAE on page 2A



English instructor Virginia Pace, left, and sophomore Emily Bullock were recently selected as HEADWAE honorees for 1997-98.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD___X___

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Jan 28, 1998

Jankowski honored

East Central Community College sophomore Ty Jankowski of Forest was recently presented a plaque of appreciation for his "outstanding contributions to ECCC as head resident assistant." Jankowski is shown receiving the award from Joe Killens, director of housing. Jankowski, a liberal arts/criminal justice major, also served as section leader for the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band. In addition, he played saxophone in the concert and jazz bands. He also served as a staff reporter on "The Tom-Tom" staff and was a member of the dormitory and band councils. The nontraditional student is a graduate of Lake High School. (EC photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES X
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF

ECCC Beauties, Beaus....Beauties and beaus selected at East Central Community College for 1997-98 include (from left) Amy Gomillion, Walnut Grove; Davis Fulton, Philadelphia; Courtney Wilcher, Edinburg; Hunter Ives, Heather Munn (most beautiful) and David Hollingsworth (most handsome), all of Newton; Dan Gressett, Lake; Danna Dye, Morton; Zach Sanders, Philadelphia; and Krisan Risher, Sebastopol. The annual pageant was held in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. State Senator Terry C. Burton of Newton served as master of ceremonies. (EC Photo)

CLARION-LEDGER

WEEK OF Jan 28, 1998

East Central cheerleading clinic, tryouts set

The East Central Community College cheerleading squad will host one day pre-tryout clinic from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 14, in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building, ECCC cheerleader sponsor Virginia Pace announced.

The clinic is open to any student who is interested in trying out for a position on a junior high, high school, or college squad. Participants will be divided into groups according to grade level. They will be taught jumps and motion techniques as well as a cheer, chant and dance which can be used for tryouts. Participants who plan to try out for college squads will also work on partner stunts.

Any student who plans to tryout for the 1998-99 East Central football or basketball cheerleading squads must attend this clinic. Tryouts will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26.

At the conclusion of the clinic, Pace will meet with cheerleader candidates to discuss requirements and procedures for tryouts.

Cheerleader applications should be available from cheerleader sponsors or guidance counselors of local high schools.

Cost for the clinic is $20 per person, which includes insurance and lunch. Concessions will be available at breaks.

For more information, contact Virginia Pace at 635-2111, extension 239.

Signs Fitness Trail Document.....East Central Community College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith is shown signing a document from the National Recreation Trails Funding program to help develop a fitness trail on the Decatur campus. The government will fund up to $20,000 of the $40,000 project, to be built on the north end of campus between the softball field and College pond. The mile-long trail will be lighted, handicapped accessible and includes exercise stations. Pictured with Dr. Smith are ECCC Board of Trustees officers (seated) Prentice Copeland, chairman, of Philadelphia and (standing from left) Billy Nicholson, vice chairman, of Union and Jerry Nance, secretary, of Louisville. Alumni and others interested in contributing to the project may contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, Ph 635-6323. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL X
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Jan 28, 1998

ECCC cheerleading clinic slated Feb. 14

The East Central Community College Cheerleading Squad will host a one day pre-tryout clinic from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 14, 1998, in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building, announced Virginia Pace, ECCC cheerleader sponsor.

The clinic is open to any student who is interested in trying out for a position on a junior high, high school, or college squad. Participants will be divided into groups according to grade level. They will be taught jumps and motion techniques as well as a cheer, chant and dance which can be used for try-outs. Participants who plan to try out for college squads will also work on partner stunts.

Any student who plans to tryout for the East Central Cheerleading Squad must attend this clinic. Tryouts will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, February 26.

Cost for the clinic is $20 per person, which includes insurance and lunch. Concessions will be available at breaks.

For more information, contact Virginia Pace, ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, ph. 635-2111, ext. 239.

EC cheerleader tryouts to be held on February 26

East Central Community College will hold cheerleader tryouts on Thursday, February 26, 1998, at 3:30 p.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building, announced Virginia Pace, ECCC cheerleader sponsor.

Anyone interested in trying out for the 1998-99 football or basketball cheerleading squads must first attend a pre-tryout clinic scheduled from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Saturday, February 14, 1998 in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

Cheers and dance routines to be used during tryouts will be taught at the clinic. At the conclusion of the clinic, Pace will meet with cheerleader candidates to discuss requirements and procedures for tryouts.

Cheerleader applications should be available from cheerleader sponsors or guidance counselors of local high schools. For more information, contact Virginia Pace, ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 239.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES X
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Feb 4, 1998

Lead ECCC Buisness Club....

Lead ECCC Business Club.....These students are serving as officers of Students In Free Enterprise at East Central Community College for the 1997-98 term. From left are Krisan Risher of Sebastopol, president; Rhett Rivers of Union, vice president; Crystal Lewis of Philadelphia, secretary; and Amy Spears of Lena, treasurer. The organization is for students interested in business careers. Club members are also involved in various endeavors related to the business world. Most recently, students have taught economics to area fifth graders and held workshops for GED applicants. Economics instructor Wanda Moore serves as club sponsor. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL X
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Feb 4, 1998

ECCC'S MOST BEAUTIFUL - Sophomore Heather Munn of Newton was selected Most Beautiful at East Central Community College during pageant activities held in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Munn, a pre-nursing major, is a graduate of Newton High School. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Munn. Named Most Handsome is David Hollingsworth, also of Newton, who was chosen for the honor by a vote of the student body. Hollingsworth, whose major is drafting and design technology, is a graduate of Newton County Academy. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. David K. Hollingsworth, sr. College president Dr. Eddie M. Smith, shown with the distinguished couple, presented a bouquet of roses to each beauty in addition to crowning ECCC's Most Beautiful for the 1997-98 term. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD X
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Feb. 11, 1998

ECCC has record spring enrollment

A record spring enrollment of 1960 students has been reported at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Raymond McMullan, Director of Admissions, Records and Research.

McMullan said the record spring total represents a 12 percent increase, or 205 students, compared to same period in 1997 when 1755 students registered for spring classes. Included in the record enrollment are 870 academic full-time students, 406 technical full-time students and 85 vocational full-time students. Of the 1960 students, 537 are enrolled in evening classes.

Last fall East Central experienced an all-time record enrollment of 2052 students who registered for day ad evening classes in Decatur and various locations throughout the College's five-county district. East Central serves Leake, Neshoba, Newton and Winston counties.

For additional information contact the Office of Admissions, Records and Research, East Central Community College, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext. 206.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT X
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Feb 11, 1998

JOIN ECCC'S PHI THETA KAPPA

DACATUR--These Scott County students were recently inducted into Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, at East Central Community College. To be considered for membership students must earn a 3.5 grade point average or above (based on a 4.0 scale). Pictured are (first row, from left) Erik Perozo of Lake, Danna Dye of Morton, Amanda McMillan of Lake and Tiffany Edwards of Forest; (Second row, from left) Candi Butler of Morton, Sissy Wilkerson of Pulaski, Stephanie Bugg of Lawrence, Latoyia Loper of Forest and Christopher Fuller of Pulaski; and (back row, from left) Allison Crosby of Laura Tadlock, both of Lake; Ashley Williams and Jessica Wright, both of Forest; and Brad Creel of Lake. Dr. Shelby Harris and Mrs. Ann Burkes serve as advisors.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER X
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF Feb. 11, 1998

EC player's family sues for $10 million

The October, 1996 traffic death of an East Central Community College football player has led to his family filing a $10 million lawsuit against Newton County and other defendants.

James Nathan Russell, a resident of Scott County's Hillsboro Community, was injured on Oct. 9, 1996 when the car in which he was riding collided with another vehicle at the intersection of Highway 15 and Country Club Road.

He died two days later at Baptist Medical Center in Jackson.

The two-vehicle, eight-person crash resulted in several injuries, but Russell was the only fatality.

Among the defendants in the case are Warren Wallace Jr., the driver of the vehicle in which Russell was riding, and Lance D. Jones, the driver of the other vehicle.

Among the plaintiffs in the case are James E. Russell and Julie A. Russell, Nathan Russell's father and mother. Also listed as plaintiffs are the victim's brother, Clifford L. Russell, and his sister, Stacey Russell Mitchell.

Also listed as defendants in the lawsuit, which presents only one side of the legal issue, are Newton County, the Mississippi Department of Transportation, the libaliblty insurance carrier for Newton County and the liability insurance carrier for MDOT.

Among the points the lawsuit alleges are:

- That MDOT failed to have in place adequate warning to advise motorists they are approaching an intersection, and that MDOT had allowed a "thick stand of trees" to to block the view near the intersection;
- That Warren Wallace did not have his vehicle under control and negligently collided with the vehicle driven by Jones;
- That Lance D. Jones failed to stop at the traffic sign posted at the intersection of Country Club Road and Highway 15;
- The county was negligent in failing to maintain Country Club Road in a safe condition and failing to provide signs warning motorists they are of a stop sign and intersection;
- Because of a curve in Country Club Road about 200 feet before the stop sign, drivers traveling west on the road don't have adequate time to note the stop sign and bring their vehicles to a stop.

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Feb 12, 1998

EC scholars bowl team

Hitting the books in preparation for the upcoming statewide Scholars Bowl competition scheduled at the University of Mississippi Feb. 14-15 are members of the East Central Community College team who include (seated from left) Sarah Whitesell of Forest, Amanda Moore of Carthage, Celeste Staton of Union and (standing from left) Lenzy Gressett of Carthage and sponsor Mrs. Linda B. Pierce. East Central has twice won the annual contest whose participants included representatives from the Mississippi's 15 community and junior colleges.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

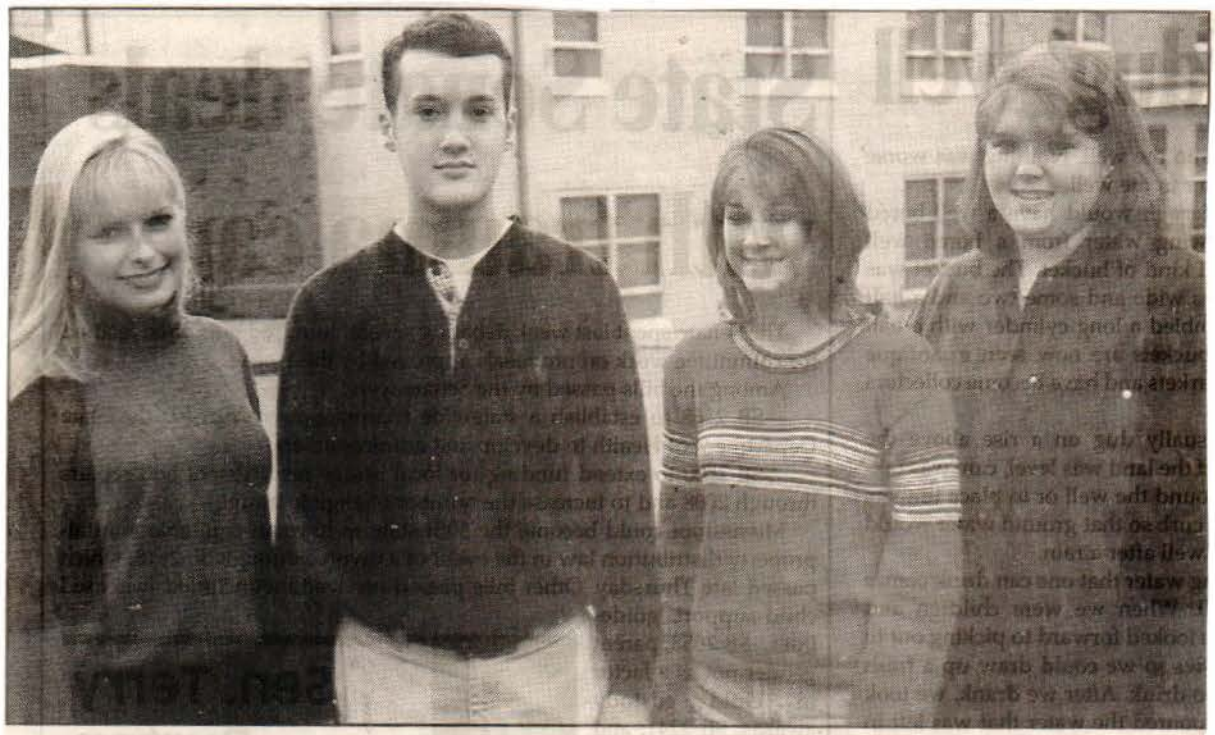
CARTHAGINIAN X

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Feb 18, 1998



Students in Free Enterprise officers

These students are serving as officers of Students in Free Enterprise at East Central Community College for the 1997-98 term. From left are Krisan Risher of Sebastopol, president; Rhett Rivers of Union, vice president; Crystal Lewis of Philadelphia, secretary; and Amy Spears of Lena, treasurer. The organization is for students interested in business careers. Club members are also involved in various endeavors related to the business world. Most recently, students have taught economics to area fifth graders and held workshops for GED applicants. Economics instructor Wanda Moore serves as club sponsor.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES X

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Feb 18, 1998

ECCC ADULT WARRIOR CORPS ....These nontraditional students are members of the recently organized East Central Community College Adult Warrior Corps, a select group of individuals who assist in recruiting adult students to attend ECCC. Pictured are (seated, from left) Angela Daniels of Little Rock, Tamika Brown and Carmen Evans, both of Philadelphia; Shirley Loper of Decatur, Rebecca Sikes and Donna Tucker, both of Carthage; and Suzette Crocker of Little Rock; (second row, from left) Eddie Jenkins of Philadelphia, Joi Owens of Melbourne, Florida; Jennifer McDaniel of Union, Debra Miller of Decatur and Patricia Moore of Newton; and (back row, from left) Billie Dewayne Bates of Pulaski, Ken Thrash of Union, Tim Mitchell of Forest, Randy Whitaker of Philadelphia, and Donnie Atkinson of Philadelphia. Gene Davis, Director of Adult and Continuing Education, serves as sponsor. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL X

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Feb 18, 1998

ECCC GOSPEL CHOIR

These students are members of the Gospel Choir at East Central Community College in Decatur for the 1997-98 term. Pictured are (first row, from left) Millesa Jones of Bay Springs, Tiffany Smith of Louisville, Yolanda Smith of Quitman, Annie Lovern of Noxapater, Tiffany Russell of Decatur, Natasha Smith of Forest, Latercia Johnson of Hickory, Shayla Foster of Louisville, Latasha Harvey of Brandon, Maude Patrick of Lawrence and Diane Thames of Decatur; (second row, from left) Theresa Gill of Walnut Grove, Vanessa Young of Philadelphia, Tracy Patrick of Lake, Antoria Norris of Raleigh, Val Stribbling of Philadelphia, Regina Willson of Hickory, Melissa Bennett of Louisville and Jennifer McWilliams and Quanta Hill, both of Philadelphia; and (back row, from left) Lavar Robinson and Marcus Jones, both of Morton; Tywan Stafford of Philadelphia, Dewayne Evans of Newton, Alex Gill of Walnut Grove, Wesley Boyd of Morton, Adam Lowrey of Louisville and Renford Rush of Philadelphia. Mrs. Brenda K. Johnson serves as sponsor.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER X

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES

UNION APPEAL

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL

CLARION-LEDGER

CARTHAGINIAN

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT

NEWTON RECORD

MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF Feb 18, 1998

MATTHEWS, SIBLEY PRESENTS AWARD - Dr. Milton Matthews (second from left) and Mrs. Martha Sibley (third from left) were honored by East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. Also pictured are chapter advisors Dr. Shelby Harris (left) and Mrs. Ann Burkes. (EC Photo)

Matthews, Sibley Presented ECCC Phi Theta Kappa Awards

Dr. Milton Matthews of Jackson and Mrs. Martha Sibley of Newton were honored recently by East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college.

Dr. Matthews, a Union native, was recognized as an Outstanding Alumnus of Theta Xi Chapter for the significant contributions he has made to ECCC's Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. Dr. Shelby Harris, co-advisor for Theta Xi Chapter, said, "Anytime we have asked Dr. Matthews for his help on any project, he was willing to help."

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD X
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Feb. 18, 1998

ECCC CLASS FAVORITES

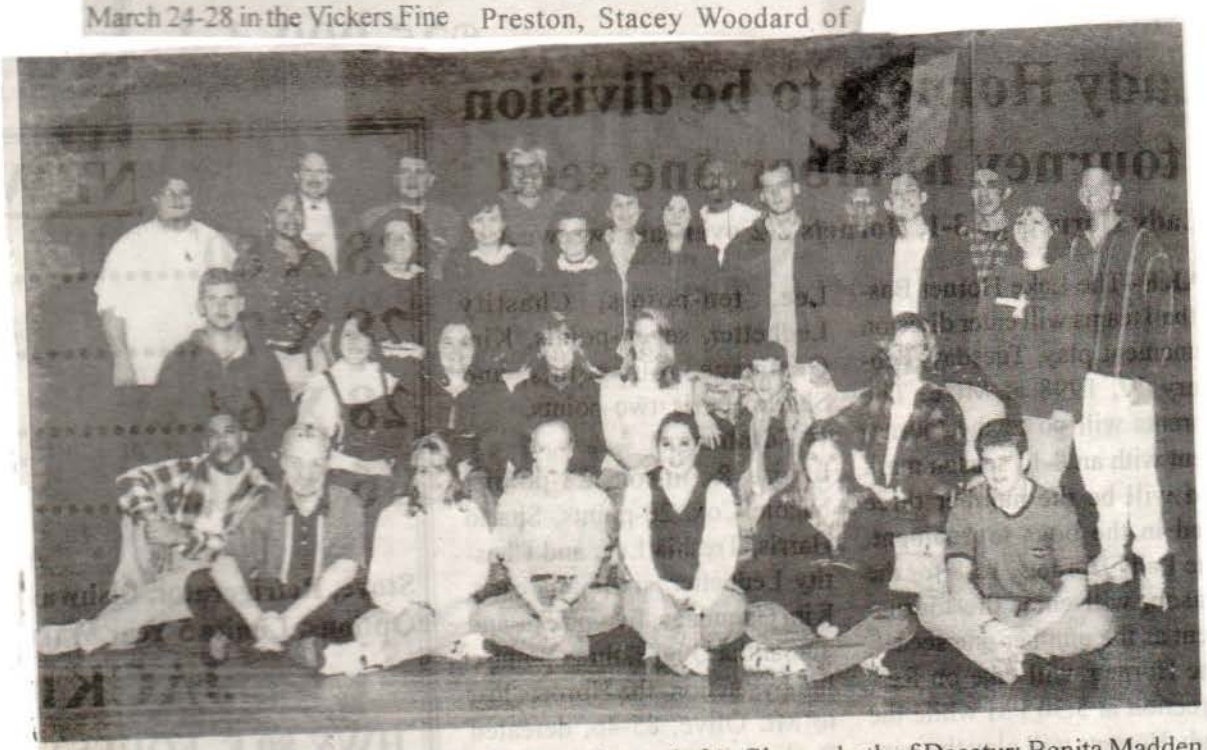
These students were chosen class favorites at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (seated, from left) Amber Woods and Natalie Vowell, both of Winston Academy; Ginger Moore of Noxapater, Suzanne Warren of Leake Academy, Jamie Floyd of Smackover High School (Smackover, Ark.); Kamonica Craig of Louisville and Crystal Cooley of Newton County; and (standing, from left) Doug Graham of Neshoba Central, Jonathan Mills of Philadelphia, Josh hatcher of Winston Academy, Shad Sanders of Leake Academy, Dan Gressett of Lake and Raland Burks and Richard Blackburn, both of Newton County Academy.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER X
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER
CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

TO PRESENT 'MY FAIR LADY'

DECATUR--Pictured are cast and crew of the East Central Community College production of Lerner and Loewe's My Fair Lady, which will be presented March 24-28 in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus. Members include (first row, from left) Shaun Lloyd of Morton, Max Lobentovich of Newton, Lamenda White of Preston, Stacey Woodard of



Louisville, Shasta Knowles of Forest, Jennifer Carson fo Decatur and Nathan Shaw of Philadelphia; (second row, from left) Brad Walley of Forest, Leesa Wilkinson of Meridian, ECCC keyboard instructor; Brandi Duncan of Philadelphia, Marci Hollingsworth and Emily Bullock, both of Decatur; Charlie Lightsey of Union, Adrienne Latshaw of Brandon, choreographer; (third row, from left) Chas Evans of Chunky, Jennifer McWilliams of Philadelphia, Sheila Oliver of Decatur, Pam Atkinson and Melissa Allen, both of Philadelphia; Amy Butler of Union, Jason Gaines and Brad Sutphin, both of Decatur; Benita Madden of Carthage, Assistant director/stage manager; and (back row, from left) Ken Thrash of Union, Richard Burton of Little Rock, Donnie Atkinson of Little Rock, Lila Hunt of Decatur, director; Ty Stafford, Matthew Bell and Bryant Henry, all of Philadelphia; and Ross Price of Union, ECCC vocal music instructor. Each night's performance begins at 7:30 p.m. For ticket information contact Laura Hammons at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext. 324.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Feb 18, 1998

ECCC Centralette tryouts set for March 3

Auditions for the East Central Community College Centralettes, the dance line for the Warrior Wall O'Sound Marching Band, will be held Tuesday, March 3, at 1:30 p.m. in the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts Center, announced Thomas W. Carson, ECCC Director of Bands.

Carson said a routine will be taught to all students auditioning. Selection will be based on ability to learn the routine, coordination, weight, height, poise and appearance. No prepared dance routine will be required, he added.

Each student chosen for this group will receive a fall tuition scholarship and one hour of classroom credit.

All high school senior girls are encouraged to audition for this group. For more information contact Carson at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 228.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Feb 25, 1998

Monk takes first place

These students won top honors in the Welding competition of the District III VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) Skill Olympics held at East Central Community College in Decatur. From left are Jeffrey Monk, first place, Forest/Scott County Vocational-Technical Center; John Mark Snowden, second, Ross Collins Vocational Center in Meridian; and Gene Gardner, third, Wayne County Vocational Complex in Waynesboro. All three will advance to the state VICA contest scheduled later this year.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES X

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

Continued from previous page

Young claims third

These students won top honors in the Carpentry competition of the District III VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) Skill Olympics held at East Central Community College in Decatur. From left are Shanye Pettie, first place, West Point Vocational Complex; Charlie Fulton, second, Louisville/Winston County Vocational Center; and Adam Young, third, Forest/Scott County Vocational-Technical Center. All three will advance to the state VICA contest scheduled later this year.

WEEK OF Feb 25, 1995

ECCC CLASS FAVORITES -These students were chosen class favorites at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (seated, from left) Amber Woods and Natalie Vowell, both of Winston Academy; Ginger Moore of Noxapater, Suzanne Warren of Leake Academy, Jamie Floyd of Smackover High School (Smockover, Arkansas); Komonica Craig of Louisville and Crystal Cooley of Newton County; and (standing, from left) Doug Graham of Neshoba Central, Jonathan Mills of Philadelphia, Josh Hatcher of Winston Academy, Shad Sanders of Leake Academy, Dan Gressett of Lake and Raland Burks and Richard Blackburn, both of Newton County Academy. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

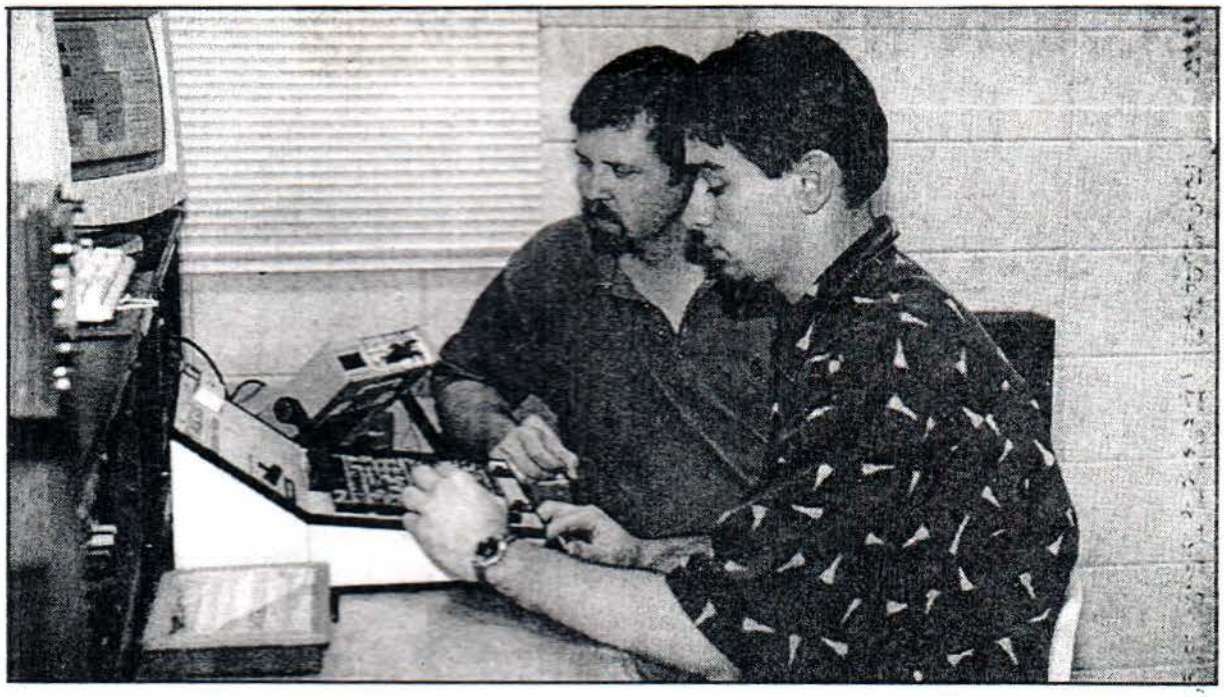
LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD X
MERIDIAN STAR_____

Continued from Previous Page

TO PRESENT 'MY FAIR LADY' - Pictured are cast and crew of the East Central Community College production of Lerner and Loewe's *My Fair Lady,* which will be presented March 24-28 inthe Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus. Members include (first row, from left) Shaun Lloyd of Morton, Max Lobentovich of Newton, Lamenda White of Preston, Stacey Woodard of Louisville, Shasta Knowles of Forest, Jennifer Carson of Decatur and Nathan Shaw of Philadelphia; (second row, from left) Brady Walley of Forest, Leesa Wilkinson of Meridian, ECCC keyboard instructor; Brandi Duncan of Philadelphia, Marci Hollingsworth and Emily Bullock, both of Decatur; Charlie Lightsey of Union, Adrienne Latshaw of Brandon, choreographer; (third row, from left) Chas Evans of Chunky, Jennifer McWilliams of Philadelphia, Sheila Oliver of Decatur, Pam Atkinson and Melissa Allen, both of Philadelphia; Amy Butler of Union, Jason Gaines and Brad Sutphin, both of Decatur; Benita Madden of Carthage, assistant director/stage manager; and (back row, from left) Ken Thrash of Union, Richard Burton of Little Rock, Donnie Atkinson of Little Rock, Lila Hunt of Decatur, director; Ty Stafford, Matthew Bell and Bryant Henry, all of Philadelphia; and Ross Price of Union, ECCC vocal music instructor. Each night's performance begins at 7:30 p.m. For ticket information contact Laura Hammons at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph. 635-2111 ext. 324. (EC Photo)

WEEK OF Feb 25, 1998



Top photo: Uwe Dotzauer, an exchange student from Germany, is shown in from of the ECCC Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Center, where he is enrolled in the Electronic Technology program. Bottom photo: Dotzauer is assisted in a class project by electronic technology instructor Jim Blackburn.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD___X___
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Feb 25, 1998

Scholarships

ENDOW BOGGAN SCHOLARSHIP - With a gift of almost $13,000, family and friends have endowed the Dr. Austin P. Boggan Scholarship at East Central Community College in Decatur. The annual award honors the Decatur physician and his over 40 years service in the health care field. Earnings from the endowment principle will fund a scholarship for a pre-med student. Pictured are (first row, from left) Larry Hogue, ECCC Director of Development and Alumni Relations; Boggan daughters Sarah Boggan of New York City and Mrs. Ada McGrevey of Decatur; and (standing from left) Mrs. Iris Boggan, Dr. Austin Boggan and son Charles Boggan, all of Decatur.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD X
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF March 4, 1998

Provides ECCC Scholarship.....Ken Jones (center), president of the Decatur branch of Union Planters Bank, is shown presenting a check to East Central Community College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith (right), increasing the amount of the banking system's annual scholarship to the College. Union Planters has pledged $2500 over the next five years for five scholarships per year. The pledge qualifies the bank for membership in the "Twenty-First Club," the College's highest gift club level. In addition to the Decatur operation, other branch locations in Forest, Philadelphia, Union and Newton participate in funding the scholarship. Also pictured is Larry Hogue (left), ECCC Director of Development and Alumni Relations. For information regarding scholarship requirements contact the Dean of Students Office, East Central Community College, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext. 204. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL X

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF March 4, 1998

Lathem Receives ECCC Scholarship....Martha Jo Lathem of Sebastopol (left) recently receive a Nontraditional Student scholarship to continue her education at East Central Community College. Lathem is majoring in elementary education at ECCC. Shown presenting the scholarship is Randall E. Lee, ECCC Dean of Students. Scholarships for nontraditional students are available to qualified Mississippi residents 23 years of age or older, at the time of enrollment, who enroll full-time at ECCC.

EC women shock Northeast in Region 23 opener

Wendy Mapp made a pair of free throws with 0.8 seconds remaining to send the Lady Warriors of East Central Community College past top-seeded Northeast Mississippi 88-86 in first-round action of the Region 23 Basketball Tournament at Mississippi College Monday night.

Mapp, a graduate of Newton County High School, led 19-8 EC with 28 points. Nicole Barrett added 15, Denise Chapman had 11, Sonya Pinkston had eight, and Sharae Brown scored seven.

Natalie Smith led state champion Northeast, 23-3, with 17.

EC will meet 19-8 Northwest Wednesday at 1 p.m. The finals are set for Wednesday at noon.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL X
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF March 4, 1998

Receive ECCC Band Clinic Honors.....These area high school musicians received first band, first chair honors at the annual District High School Band Clinic held at East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding students and their respective high schools include (first row, from left) Ashley Monk, Sebastopol; Joanne Bates, Neshoba Central; Amber Gainer, Louisville; Rebecca Germany and Emily Germany, both of Union; Frances Richmond, Forest; Keisha Temple, Newton; and Daniel Bankston, Sebastopol; and (second row, from left) Dustin Burton, Newton County; William Perkins and Jason Harrell, both of Scott Central; Craig McRae, Carthage; Glen Barker, Neshoba Central; and Justin Sharp, Sebastopol. Thomas W. Carson, ECCC Director of Bands, said tuition scholarships are offered to each first band, first chair award recipient. A record 150 students comprised the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band last fall. For more information about the ECCC Band Program, contact Carson at ECCC, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext. 228. (EC Photo)

"My Fair Lady" tickets on sale

East Central Community College's musical production of Lerner and Loewe's "My Fair Lady" is scheduled March 24-28 on the Decatur campus.

Performances will be held each evening beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Ovid S. Vickers Fine ARts Center auditorium. There will also be a performance at 9:30 a.m. Monday, March 23, for area high schools.

Tickets are $8 for adults and $5 for students and faculty. To reserve tickets call 635-2111.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL X

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF March 5, 1998

Vo-Tech honorees

These students have been named January "Students of the Month" at East Central Community College in Decatur. Students pictured and their respective programs included (seated, from left) Rose McDonald of Morton, Cosmetology; Pamela Goss of Louisville, Welding; Lakeshia Jones of Carthage, Child Development Technology; and Catherine York of Philadelphia, Computer Technology; and (standing, from left) Kim Hollingsworth of Decatur, Drafting and Design Technology; Barbara Brown of Meridian, Business Technology; nelson Triplett of Louisville, Electronic Technology; Kelvin Knowles of Louisville, Licensed Practical Nursing; and Thomas Allen of Meridian, Collision Repair. Students not pictured include Murray Smyth of Meridian, Automotive Mechanics Technology; Christopher Thompson of Forest, Carpentry and Cabinetmaking; Jamie Hollingsworth of Newton, Electrical Technology; Tomi Mize of Newton, Heating and Air Conditioning Technology; Jeffery Addy of Decatur, Machine Shop Technology; and Joylynn Flowers of Meridian, Surgical Technology.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN X
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF March 8, 1998

Theta Xi chapter inducts 83 members

Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kapa at East Central Community College recently inducted a record 83 new members.

Those students inducted included:

From Leake County — Keisha Latham, Danette Brown, Lana Kea, Stacy Baker, Benita Madden, Johathan Grice, Donnie Fletcher, Vanessa Sanders and Christy Wooten, all of Carthage; Alicia Jodan and Marcus Ellis, both of Walnut Grove; and Anita Moss of Lena.

From Neshoba County — Jennifer Alford, Autumn Townsend, Catherine York, Mandy Burt, Wendy Tullos, Denise Willis, Kim Stuart, Brandi Duncan, Krystal Nowell, Tony Lilly, B.J. Morrow, Philip Smith, Jason Willis, Eddie Jenkins, Mark Fleming and William Anderson, all of Philadelphia.

From Newton County — Jennifer Pace, Kim Hollingsworth, Marci Hollingsworth, Sonji Thomas, Amy Dellaria, Christy Pearce, Jade Parkes and Derek Burton, all of Decatur; Lisa Chesney, Susan Staton, Celeste Staton and Amanda Miles, all of Union; Neil Hansford and Lore Darsey, both of Hickory; Cody Fisher of Conehatta; Teresa Walker of Lawrence; and Uwe Dotzauer and Ronnie Thrash, both of Newton.

From Scott County — Erik Perozo, Amanda McMillan, Allison Crosby, Laura Tadlock and Brad Creel, all of Lake; Danna Dye and Candi Butler, both of Morton; April Bowie, Tiffany Edwards, Latoya Loper, Ashley Williams and Jessica Wright, all of Forest; and Sissy Wilkerson and Christopher Tullos, both of Pulaksi.

From Winston County — Natalie Vowell, Amber Woods, Michelle Robertson, Laura Ming, Kamonica Craig, Laura Hope Faulk, Bridgett Green, Brad Gregory and Rhonda Alewine, all of Louisville; Katie Stokes and Ragan Mitchell, both of Nanih Waiya; and Kim Young and Ginger Moore, both fo Noxapater.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR___X___

WEEK OF March 8, 1998

East Central names students to honors lists

Students named to the 1997 all semester honor roll, including he president's list, dean's list and onorable mention list, have been nnounced at East Central Comnunity College in Decatur.

Those students listed on the **resident's list** with a 4.0 grade oint average include the followng:

Neshoba County: Donnie Atkinson, Candice Beason, Paula Crawford, Brandi Duncan, John Fitzgerald, Davis Fulton, James Jenkins, Tony Lilly, Ragen Mitchell, Sarah Prim, Kristopher Robertson, Priscilla Sanders, Natalie Smith, Mary Warren and Johnanne Willis, all of Philadelphia.

Newton County: Jacqueline Amerson, Emily Bullock, Detra Carter, Jeremy Chaney, Marci Collingsworth and Christina Farce, all of Decatur; Deanna Jackston, Kimberly Burton, Lisa Chaney, Jennifer McDaniel, McMahan, Leslie Nelson, Ca Owen and Susan Staton, Union; Stephanie Bugg, Lee and Ashaki McCoy, all of ce; Mary Crocker, Janet n and Pamela Luke, all of Rock; Clifton Curry and Mize, both of Newton; sher and Robert Wall, Conehatta; and Jeffrey of Hickory.

Wi on County: Rhonda Alewi Laura Faulk, Michael Hatho Dorothy Holidness, Feleshartin, Patricia Roberson, Melle Robertson and Gabriel tts, all of Louisville; Stacy Cter, Ginger Moore, Susan Pejns and Leslie Swindle, all of Kapater.

Lauderale County: Audrie Archie, Bid Creel, Murray Smyth, all oMeridian.

Clarke County: John Donovan of Stonewall.

Students named to the **dean's ist** with a 3.[illegible] grade point average or higher were:

Newton County: Kelly Alexander of Little Rock; Amanda Brashear, Lisa Cleveland, Kristi Conrad, Carla Ezelle, Stephanie Joyner, Michael Lee, Keekee Michael, Amanda Miles, Richard Rea, Rhett Rivers, Billy Singleton, Celeste Staton and Kenneth Thrash, all of Union; Katie Brown and Jennifer Lathem, both of Conehatta; Raland Burks of Hickory; Derek Burton, Genise Campbell, Amy Dellaria, Dennis Evans, Quiana Green, Kimberly Hollingsworth, Kristi Jones, Michelle Lee, Jennifer Pace, Jade Parkes and Adria Stamper, all of Decatur; Julie Clanton, Stephen May and Teresa Walker, all of Lawrence; Stephanie Craig, Lori Darsey, Latrecia Johnson and Marissa McGee, all of Hickory; Lori Ferguson and Candance Oliver, both of Little Rock; Holly Hamrick, Danna Jones, Jermaine Jones, Malinda Melton, Sonji Thomas, Ronnie Thrash and Jason Williams; all of Newton.

Neshoba County: Jennifer Alford, William Anderson, Lorenzo Bell, Baron Burkes, Amanda Burt, Mark Fleming, David Gilmer, Crystal Lewis, Justin Long, Mellie Mathis, James McCoy, Dennis McDil, Bobby Morrow, Kimberly Nicholson, Krystal Nowell, Andrea Robertson, Tina Salter, Zachary Sanders, Keyla Seward, Philip Smith, Terry Smith, Vincent Spencer, Kim Stewart, Jarrod Taylor, Pachasia Thompson, Autumn Townsend, Wendy Tullos, Jennifer Turner, Penny White, Amy Williamson, Tarita Williamson, Jason Willis and Catherine York, all of Philadelphia.

Winston County: Kimberly Cistrunk, Cedric Coleman, Kamonica Craig, Melinda Eaves, Bridget Green, Clifford Gregory, Heather Jennings, Melvin Manus, Rosemary McArthur, Justin Miles, Laura Ming, Jeremy Nowell, Lucas Nowell, Ron Perkins, Willie Perry, Jeremy Rushing, Virginia Stokes, Bradley Sullivan, Natalie Vowell, Kelli Wall and Amber Woods, all of Louisville; and Janita Hornesbuger, Kendall Hoskin and Kimberly Young, all of Noxapater.

Lauderdale County: Kenneth Coulliette of Toomsuba; Lizanne Fowler of Meridian; and Janine Learmonth, James Scarbrough and Christopher Wallace, all of Collinsville.

Students named to the **honorable mention** list with a 3.0 or higher grade point average were:

Newton County: Rebecca Addy, Leslee Carter, Karen Coffman, Terry Drew, Jacqueline Gardner, Mark Gillock, James Hansford, Melanie Harris, Tori Jordan, Natasha Mathis, Debra Miller, Percy Pearson, Jodene Rice, Betty Searcy, Kimberly Shaffer, Jeremy Smith, Sonya Smith, James Stephenson, Jeremy Turner, Charles Walker and Carla Woodall, all of Decatur; Jerri Adkins, Mary Adkins, Catha Allison, Tracy Barnes, Dea Dolan, Crystal Germany, Cindy Goss, Christy Gross, Alethia Hitt, James Jones, Suzanne Jones, Lisa Nelson, Angela Patterson, Angie Rash, Charles Schellbach, Penny Sharp, Michelle Smith and Misty Smith, all of Union; Stephen Airhart, Tammy Crabtree, April Crocker, Bethany Laird, Janet McKee and Stephnie Spangler, all of Little Rock; Brandi Archie, Amy Clark, Darrell Embrey, Chas Evans and Crystal Pate, all of Chunky; Leslie Brackeen, Carrie Griffith, William Smith, Kristie Temple and Tambra Walker, all of Hickory; Crystal Chapman, Krystal Harrison, Brenda Holder, Valerie Jones, Maxim Lobentovich, Patricia Moore, Heather Munn, Sharon Nix, Kiwana Norman, Robin Overstreet, Lindy Pace, Mary Shelton, Patricia Snowden, Tamekia Surrell and Gregory Willis, all of Newton; Ryan Chickaway, Danny Haralson, Michelle Hillman, Hillary Johnson, Sandra Lampkin, Charles Ware and Tasha Wolverton, all of Conehatta; Stephanie McLemore, Stacey Mills, Audrey Parker, William Thornton and Jamanda Walker, all of Lawrence.

Neshoba County: Steve Alford, Ashley Allard, Meliss Allen, Brenda Apperson, Pamel Atkinson, Norma Bacon, Wend Belk, Cyrus Ben, Elijah Ben, Tim othy Boswell, Tammy Bradley Amanda Burks, Stacey Carpen ter, Jennifer Covington, Kor Culpepper, Rusty Cumberland Mary Edwards, Shirley Evans Benjamin Fulton, Elizabet George, Kellie Goss, Douglas Gra ham, Robert Hardy, Bryan Henry, Stephen Jenkins, Brock Lillis, Yancie Miles, Jonathan Mills, Beverly Moody, Kizzy Moore, Candee Nance, Essie Overstreet, Brian Pendergrass, Brock Phillips, Mary Prim, Derek Russell, Sharon Spears, Barbara Tingle, Shea Trapp, Linda Tucker, Thomas White, Courtney Wilcher and Christy Williamson, all of Philadelphia.

Winston County: Sandra Chambliss, Michael Chappell, Amy Clark, Cassandra Culwell, Michael Dickerson, Pamela Goss, Jason Hailey, Daniel Hamilton, Gwendolyn Hickman, Brian King, Kelvin Knowles, Melvin Knowles, Heather Moody, Stefanie Moody, Rodrick Moore, Ellen Null, Terri Peden, Mary Quinn, Peggy Quinn, Tammy Rademacher, Gaydon Richardson, Kimberly Robbins, Brenda Rogers, Tiffany Smith, Drew Snow, Richard Swain and Angel Taylor, all of Louisville; and Amy Dunaway, Rodney Mason, Alicia Reynolds, Antoinette Taylor and Amy Wilkes, all of Noxapater.

Lauderdale County: Galretta Adams, Barbara Brown, Brian Buckley, Sherry Clark, Jessie Fitzgerald, Joylynn Flowers, Justin Gray, Joseph Hatcher, Harold Hollingsworth, Raquel Sanders and Timothy Stephens, all of Meridian; and Jennifer Huey, Gary Langley and Mary Lunsford, all of Collinsville.

Clark County: Robert Singleton of Enterprise.

Kemper County: Sheila Coleman of Preston.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR X

Continued on Next page

ECCC Theta Xi

For the sixth consecutive year, East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for the two-year college, has been recognized as a Five Star chapter. This level designates that the chapter has developed a comprehensive program designed to implement specific activities involving Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Fellowship, the four hallmarks of Phi Theta

WEEK OF March 11, 1998

Recognized as Five Star Chapter

Kappa.

Theta Xi was recognized at the annual Mississippi-Louisiana Regional Awards Ceremony held Feb. 8 in Meridian. Activities were held at the Meridian Campus of Mississippi State University and the Holiday Inn Express. Meridian Community College's Nu Upsilon Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa hosted the event.

ECCC's Theta Xi Chapter was also awarded the Willie Mae Hamill Scrapbook Award for the most outstanding scrapbook and received a Brotherhood Award for work and activities with other chapters. The Theta Xi Review, the Chapter's monthly newsletter, was selected as one of the region's most outstanding publications.

A Service Hallmark winner, Theta Xi was honored for its participation in various college, community, regional and international service projects. The chapter participated in an AIDS Awareness campaign, the Adopt-A-Highway program and numerous campus activities.

The chapter received second place honors in the Scholarship Hallmark competition for activities designed to promote scholarship in elementary, secondary, and post-secondary educational settings.

Theta Xi was also elected "President" of the MS/LA Region. The chapter will designate one member of Theta Xi to serve in this capacity.

Also honored was Theta Xi advisor Dr. Shelby Harris who recently retired as an Advisory Committee member. The Advisory Committee, which is composed of five chapter advisors, assists the regional coordinator in planning activities.

The ceremony's most prestigious award went to Dr. Milton Matthews of Jackson who was chosen as Phi Theta Kappa's most distinguished Alumnus. Matthews, a Union native and alumnus of ECCC's Theta Xi Chapter, was nominated for the significant contributions he has made to Phi Theta Kappa on the local, regional and international levels.

At a recent induction ceremony on the Decatur Campus, Dr. Matthews was recognized as an Outstanding Alumnus of ECCC's Theta Xi Chapter for his service on the local level. "Anytime we have asked Dr. Matthews for his help on any project, he was willing to help," said Dr. Harris.

Dr. Harris and Ann Burkes, Theta Xi advisors, will accompany nine members to the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention which will be held April 2-5 at the Opryland Hotel and Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Convention activities include Educational Forums on all aspects of the society; the "Great Debate" between Ralph Reed and George Stephanopoules; and the announcement of Hallmark, Scrapbook, individual and chapter awards.

For more info. contact Dr. Harris or Mrs. Burkes at East Central Community College, P.O Box 129, Decatur, MS., 39327 Ph. 635-2111.

ECCC
WITH YOU IN MIND

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER X
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES _____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL _____
CLARION-LEDGER _____
CARTHAGINIAN _____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT _____
NEWTON RECORD _____
MERIDIAN STAR _____

WEEK OF March 11, 1998

Centralette Tryouts Held at ECCC

DECATUR--New members of the Centralette danceline for the East Central Community College Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band have been announced by Thomas W. Carson, Director of Bands. Selections were made following tryouts held on the Decatur Campus.

Those chosen include Jennifer Bounds of Scott Central; Jennifer Guyse, Jessica Guyse and Heather Hamilton, all on Newton; Thias Brantley and Jenni Evans, both of Leake Academy; Heather Warren of Morton; Crystal Cooley of Newton County; Robyn Watts and Celeste Staton, both of Union; Kara Stampley of Newton County Academy; and Andrea Odom of Forest.

Returning members include Kristi Jones, Bethany Laird, Leslee Carter and Lori Darsey, all of Newton County; Layla Peoples of Newton; Danna Dye of Morton; Natalie Vowell of Winston Academy; Courtney Wilcher and Teresa Moore, both of Edinburg; Ronit Frey and Corrin Chambliss, both of Louisville; and Misti Harrell of Scott Central.

The Centralettes perform at halftime of the Warrior football games.

For more info. contact Carson at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Ms. 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 228.

ECCC to Hold Fashion Show

The Fashion Squad at East Central Community College in Decatur will hold a spring fashion show, "The Grand Finale," on Tuesday, March 31, at 7 p.m. in the Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium, announced Alice Pouncey, sponsor.

The 1997-98 school year marks the last year the fashion squad will be offered at ECCC. Models will include the ECCC Fashion Squad and younger models from the area. Admission is free.

For more information contact Pouncey at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS., 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 286.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER X
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES _____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL _____
CLARION-LEDGER _____
CARTHAGINIAN _____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT _____
NEWTON RECORD _____
MERIDIAN STAR _____

WEEK OF March 18, 1998

ECCC PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL.....Members of the 1998 Presidents' Council at East Central Community College in Decatur and their respective organizations include (seated, from left) Brian Hardy of Philadelphia, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA); Angela Hays of Carthage, Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD); Richard Blackburn of Newton County Academy, Warrior Corps; ECCC President Dr. Eddie M. Smith; ECCC Dean of Students Randall E. Lee; Amanda Moore of Carthage, Newsome Hall; Casey May of Forest, Men's Dormitory Council; Stephanie Spangler of Beulah Hubbard, Health Occupational Students of America; (second row, from left) Brian Shaw of Forest, Phi Theta Kappa and Alpha Alpha Epsilon; Adria Stamper of Newton County Academy, Diamond Girls; Ashlea Renfroe of Morton, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau; Deanna Bankston of Union, Fashion Squad; Sherie Bradford of Scott Central, The Tom Tom; Amy Gomillion of Leake Academy, Student Body Association; Krisan Risher of Sebastopol, Students in Free Enterprise and Mu Alpha Theta; TaRita Williamson of Neshoba Central, Phi Beta Lambda; Ginger Greer of Leake Academy, Wesley Foundation; Sheila Coleman of Nanih Waiya, Jackson Hall; Emily Bullock of Newton County, ECCC Players; Cheryl Watkins of Lake, EC Band; Donna Tubby of Carthage, Association of

Student Nurses; Michelle Lee of Decatur, Adult Warrior Corps; and (back row, from left) Michael Scarbrough of Neshoba Central, Cheerleaders; Josh Bamberg of Newton County, Collegians; Harold Hollingsworth of Meridian, VICA; Brian Sistrunk of Carthage, Sophomore Class; Zach Sanders of Neshoba Central, Student Education Association; Ken Thrash of Union, New Directions; Brooke Griffith, Wo-He-Lo and Holly Hamrick, Ac'cents, both of Newton; Laura Tadlock of Lake, Peer Tutorial Club; Mike Donovan of Enterprise, Concert Choir; Joseph Tucker of Forest, Baptist Student Union; and Philip Smith of Philadelphia, Freshman Class. These students serve as presidents of various campus organizations and meet monthly to discuss activities and provide better communication between student organizations and the President's Office. (EC Photo)

EC offers 'Intro to Windows 95'

East Central Community College in Decatur will be offering a computer class, *Introduction to Windows 95*, beginning March 30, announced Gene Davis, Director of Adult and Continuing Education.

The five-week class will be held from 6-8 p.m. each Monday night in Room 402 of the Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Building on the Decatur Campus. The cost is $50, which includes the required text book. The class will be limited to 20 students.

For more information contact Davis at ECCC, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 278 or 279.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL X
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF March 19, 1998

Academic Team

Two-year colleges parade their finest

Mississippi is fortunate to have an outstanding system of two-year colleges, and the 1998 Mississippi All-State Academic Team shows its excellence.

Sponsored by *The Clarion-Ledger*, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges and the Junior College Board, the award can lead to substantial scholarships for students furthering their education.

The top 10: Kara Brown, Natchez; Erik Brown, Toomsuba; Michelle Burnett, Utica; Jill Childress, Summit; Amy Gomillion, Walnut Grove; Melissa Hanna, Gautier; Margaret Mills, Nettleton; Daniel Osborne, Ridgeland; Patricia Sullivan, Mt. Olive; and Tamra Warren, Brookhaven. Not all are fresh from high school; some returned to school to pick up degrees, others for personal growth.

The strength of the two-year college system is demonstrated by such diversity, as shown by the comments of award winner Patricia Sullivan, age 50:

"Becoming a junior college student opened up a whole new life for me. . . . I discovered I could still learn. As my self-assurance grew, I became more involved in campus activities. Before I even knew what occurred, I was finding fulfillment and direction that had been missing for many years. Self-discovery has been an exciting process for me, and I have found great potential in my life because of my junior college experience."

What a great testimonial on behalf of the two-year college experience, and a validation that Sullivan earned the award bestowed upon her. They are all winners who seek greater learning. These are the cream of the crop.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF March 25 1998

ECCC Selects 1998-99 Cheerleaders

DECATUR -- Members of the East Central Community College cheerleading squads for 1998-99 have been announced by Virginia Pave, sponsor. Selections were made following tryouts held on the Decatur campus.

Those chosen include Amy Clark of Chunky; Jennifer Pace of Decatur; Jessica Hester of Pearl; Daphne' Hudnall and Leslie Brackeen, both of Hickory; Nikki Way and Joy Poole, both of Newton; Stacie Slayton of Enterprise; Tesa Henry of Forest; Emily Johnson, Bryan Madison, Ryan White and Michael Scarbrough, all of Philadelphia; Jeremy Nowell of Nanih Waiya; Alex Lee of Lake; and Chris VanEtten of Scott Central.

For more info. contact Pace at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS. 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 239.

Tickets on Sale Now For ECCC's "MY FAIR LADY"

East Central Community College's musical production of Lerner and Loewe's "My Fair Lady" is scheduled March 24-28 on the Decatur campus. Performances will be held each evening beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts Center auditorium.. There will also be a performance at 9:30 a.m. Monday, March 23, for area high schools.

Tickets are $8 for adults and $5 for students and faculty. To reserve tickets call 635-2111, ext. 324. There will also be no reserved seating.

ECCC to Hold Fashion Show

The Fashion Squad at East Central Community College in Decatur will hold a spring fashion show, "The Grand Finale," on Tuesday, March 31, at 7 p.m. in the Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium, announced Alice Pouncey, sponsor.

The 1997-98 school year marks the last year the fashion squad will be offered at ECCC. Models will include the ECCC Fashion Squad and younger models from the area. Admission is free.

For more information contact Pouncey at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS., 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 286.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER X
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES _____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL _____
CLARION-LEDGER _____
CARTHAGINIAN _____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT _____
NEWTON RECORD _____
MERIDIAN STAR _____

WEEK OF 4-1-98

ECCC class favorites

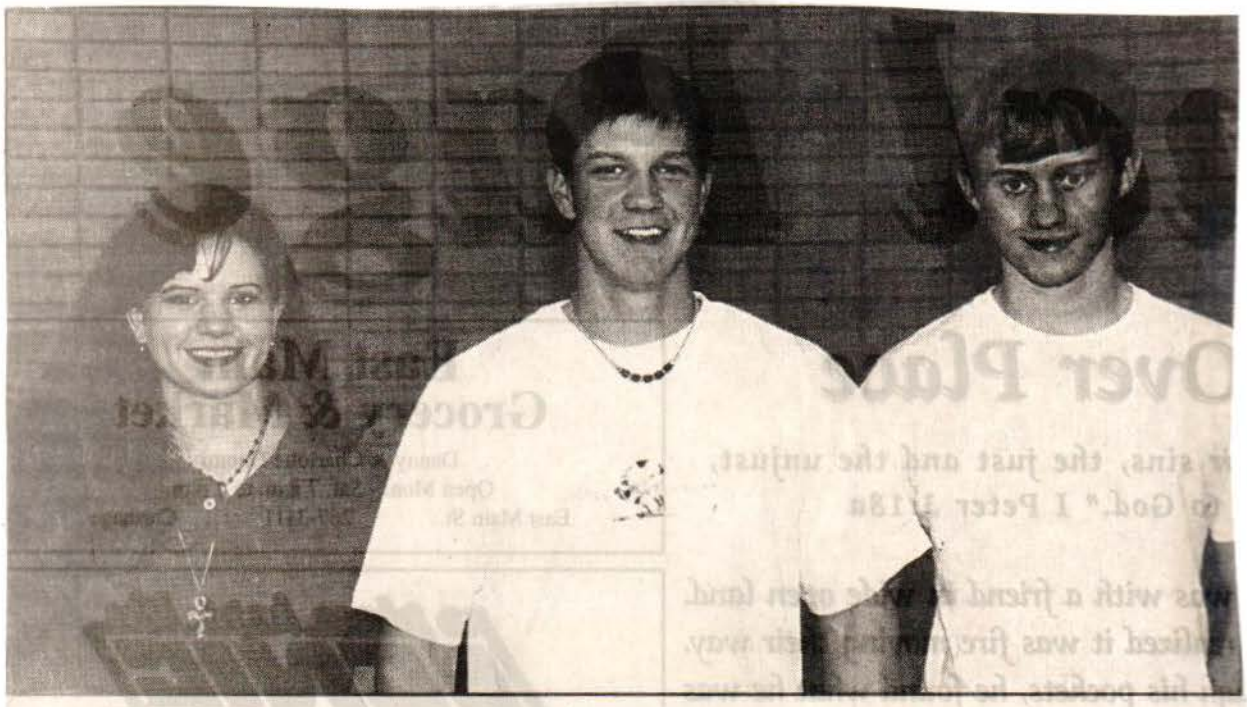
These students were chosen class favorites at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are, seated, from left, Amber Woods and Natalie Vowell, both of Winston Academy; Ginger Moore of Noxapater, Suzanne Warren of Leake Academy, Jamie Floyd of Smackover High School (Smackover, Ark.); Kamonica Craig of Louisville and Crystal Cooley of Newton County; and standing, Doug Graham of Neshoba Central, Jonathan Mills of Philadelphia, Josh Hatcher of Winston Academy, Shad Sanders of Leake Academy, Dan Gressett of Lake and Raland Burks and Richard Blackburn, both of Newton County Academy.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT X
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 4-2-98



EC art scholars

These students have excelled in the field of art at East Central Community College in Decatur. Candy McCormick of Forest (left) placed second in the printing category at the Mississippi Community College State Art Competition while Linzy Gressett of Carthage (center) and Jason Cleveland of Newton County Academy both received art scholarships to continue their education at ECCC.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN A

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF

EC scholars claim All-State honors

East Central Community College sophomores Amy Gomillion of Walnut Grove and Brian Shaw of Forest were recently named to the 1998 Mississippi All-State Academic Teams for Community and Junior Colleges.

All-State scholars

Gomillion, a pre-pharmacy major, is one of 10 students chosen from throughout the state on the first team. Those receiving the prestigious honor are selected on an application basis which includes written essays, letters of recommendation, demonstration of academic achievement, leadership skills and community service involvement.

As a Mississippi first team recipient, Gomillion will be considered for placement on the All-USA Academic Team for community/junior colleges, sponsored by USA Today, Phi Theta Kappa and the American Association of Community Colleges. Those receiving the national recognition are featured in USA Today and will receive a $2500 stipend.

Gomillion, a President's List scholar with a 4.0 grade point average, serves as President of the Student Body Association, Vice-President of Scholarship of Phi Theta Kappa and Vice-President of Mu Alpha Theta.

She has served on the President's Council, Student Council and the Dormitory Council. She has been a member of Warrior Corps, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, the Fashion Squad, the ECCC Players and the Diamond Girls. She also served as class president during her freshman year.

Among honors Gomillion has received include the 1997 Leon Eubanks Kaljyc-Peers Leadership Award, the 1997 Student Government Award and the Frank M. Cross Freshman Chemistry Award. She was also named to the National Dean's List and was a National Collegiate Student Government Award Winner. She was selected an All-American Scholar and was listed in the 1998 Edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Community/Junior Colleges*.

In addition to an active campus life, Gomillion served as the 1997 Leake County Miss Hospitality and the 1997 Leake County Farm Bureau Queen. She is an active member of Walnut Grove United Methodist Church and works part-time at the Bank of Walnut Grove.

Gomillion plans to continue her education at the University of Mississippi Pharmacy School in Oxford. She hopes to obtain her doctorate of pharmacy.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Gomillion of Walnut Grove.

Shaw was named to the honorable mention All-State Academic Team.

Also a President's List Scholar, Shaw serves as President of Phi Theta Kappa and Alpha Alpha Epsilon. He is a member of Warrior Corps, Mu Alpha Theta, the Presidents' Council, and the men's tenn team. Shaw also serves as a co lege tutor.

Shaw received the R.O. ar Bertha Hannah Scholarshi the J. Andy Miller Freshma Engineering Award and th National Collegia Engineering Award. He is a All-American Scholar and w listed in the 1998 Edition *Who's Who Among Students America's Community/Juni Colleges*.

He has created web pag for Phi Theta Kappa, Studen in Free Enterprise, Communi Bank of Mississippi and Fore Area Chamber of Commerce.

Shaw, an engineering maj plans to continue his educati at Mississippi State Universi

He is the son of Mr. a Mrs. Royce Shaw of Forest.

The All-Mississipp Academic Team is coordinate by *The Clarion-Ledger*, Ph Theta Kappa Internationa Honor Society and th Mississippi State Board fo Community and Junio Colleges.

CLARION-LEDGER

CRAT

D

WEEK OF 4-5-98

Noted pianist to perform at ECCC

By **Jimmy Andrews**
The Meridian Star

DECATUR — Pianist Barton Andrew Moreau will return home Monday to present a special concert at ECCC in Decatur.

Moreau is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moreau of Decatur and is a senior at the University of South Alabama in Mobile. He is a piano performance major, a President's List scholar and an accomplished musician.

After studying with a number of distinguished teachers, Moreau joined the studio of Dr. Jerry Alan Bush in December of 1992. He has since won top awards in the Mobile Music teachers' Association Sonata Contest and Scholarship Auditions, and claimed two consecutive first place prizes in the Chester Memorial Auditions.

Moreau

During his senior year in high school, Moreau was named

See **Moreau,** Page 8A

Moreau

Continued from page 1A

Alabama State winner in both solo and concerto divisions. In addition to his selection as Senior Scholarship Winner for the State of Alabama.

"Moreau made his orchestral debut at age 13," said ECCC Public Relations Director Bubby Johnston. "He has been a featured soloist with the New England Youth Orchestra, Gulf Coast Symphony, Port City Symphony, North Florida Symphony and the Crescent City Symphony in New Orleans. He has coached with such distinguished artists as Fabio Bidini, Mykola Suk and Karen Shaw."

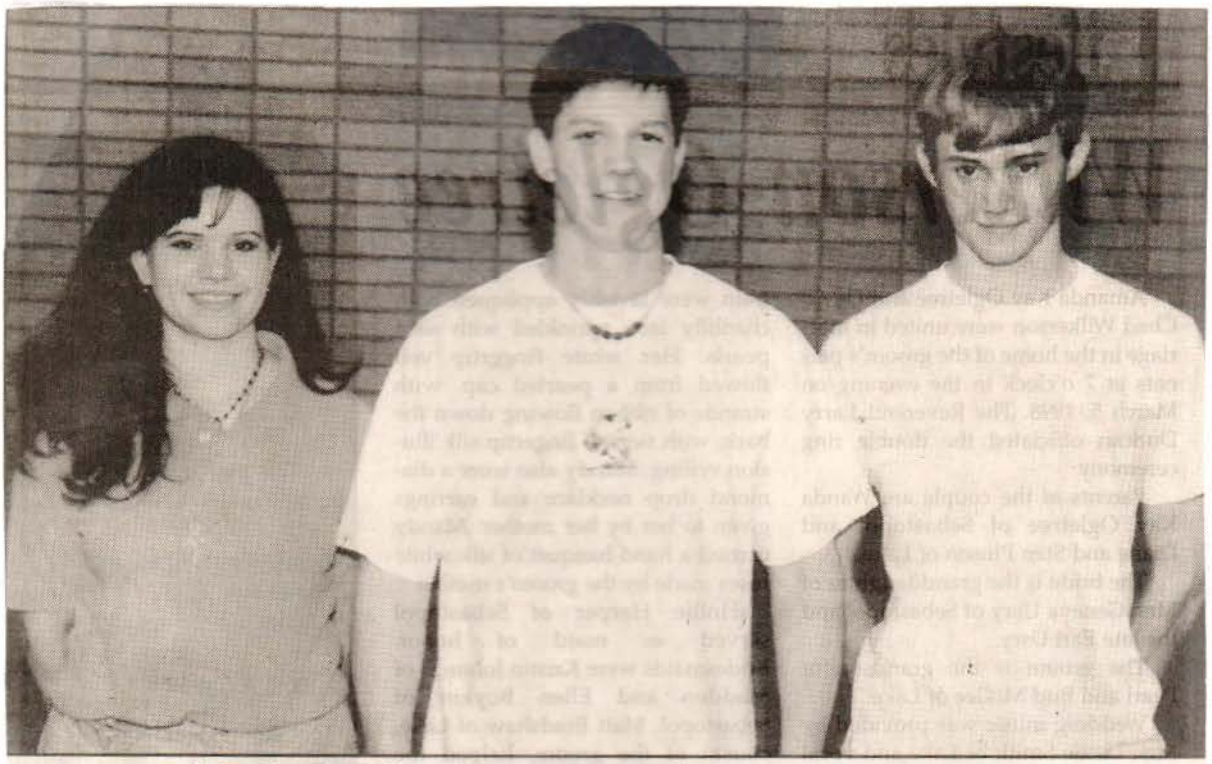
A reception will be held in the Fine Arts Center lobby following Moreau's performance at Ovid Vickers Fine Arts Center auditorium at 8 p.m. The concert is free.

For more information call ECCC at 635-2111, ext. 229.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 4-8-98



McCormick claims second in art competition

These students have excelled in the field of art at East Central Community College in Decatur. Candy McCormick of Forest (left) placed second in the printing category at the Mississippi Community College State Art Competition while Linzy Gressett of Carthage (center) and Jason Cleveland of Newton County Academy both received art scholarships to continue their education at ECCC.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 4-8-98

Gomillion, Shaw named to All-State Academic

East Central Community College sophomores Amy Gomillion of Walnut Grove and Brian Shaw of Forest were recently named to the 1998 Mississippi All-State Academic Teams for Community and Junior Colleges.

Gomillion, a pre-pharmacy major, is one of the 10 students chosen from throughout the state on the first team. Those receiving the prestigious honor are selected on an application basis which includes written essays, letters of recommendation, demonstration of academic achievement, leadership skills and community service involvement.

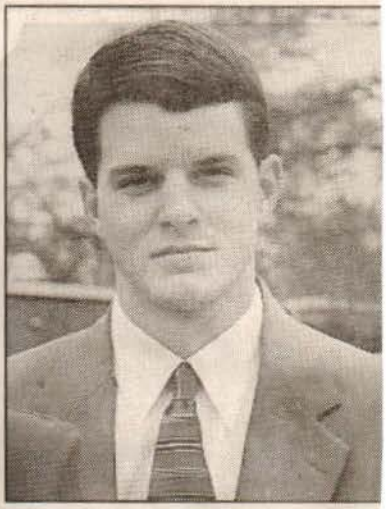
As a Mississippi first team recipient, Gomillion will be considered for placement on the All-USA Academic Team for community/junior colleges, sponsored by USA Today, Phi Theta Kappa and the American Association of Community Colleges. Those receiving the national recognition are featured in USA Today and will receive a $2500 stipend.

Gomillion, a President's List scholar with a 4.0 grade point average, serves as President of the Student Body Association, Vice-President of Scholarship of Phi Theta Kappa and Vice-President of Mu Alpha Theta.

She has served on the Presidents' Council, Student Council and the Dormitory Council. She has been a member of Warrior Corps, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, the Fashion Squad, the ECCC Players and the Diamond Girls. She also served as class president during her freshman year.

Among honors Gomillion has received include the 1997 Leon Eubanks Kaljyc-Peers Leadership Award, the 1997 Student Government Award and the Frank M. Cross Freshman Chemistry Award. She was also named to the National Dean's List and was a National Collegiate Student Government Award Winner. She was selected an All-American Scholar and was listed in the 1998 Edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Community/Junior Colleges.

Gomillion



Shaw

In addition to an active campus life, Gomillion served as the 1997 Leake County Miss Hospitality and the 1997 Leake County Farm Bureau Queen. She is an active member of Walnut Grove United Methodist Church and works part-time at the Bank of Walnut Grove.

Gomillion plans to continue her education at the University of Mississippi Pharmacy School in Oxford. She hopes to obtain her doctorate of pharmacy.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Gomillion of Walnut Grove.

Shaw was named to the honorable mention All-State Academic Team.

Also a President's List Scholar, Shaw serves as President of Phi Theta Kappa and Alpha Alpha Epsilon. He is a member of Warrior Corps, Mu Alpha Theta, the President' Council, and the men's tennis team. Shaw also serves as a college tutor.

Shaw received the R.O. and Bertha Hannah Scholarship, the J. Andy Miller Freshman Engineering Award and the National Collegiate Engineering Award. He is an All-American Scholar and was listed in the 1998 Edition of Who's Who Among Students in America's Community and Junior Colleges.

He has created web pages for Phi Theta Kappa, Students in Free Enterprise, Community Bank of Mississippi and Forest Area Chamber of Commerce.

Shaw, an engineering major, plans to continue his education at Mississippi State University.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Shaw of Forest.

The All-Mississippi Academic Team is coordinated by The Clarion-Ledger, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society and the Mississippi State Board for Community and Junior Colleges.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

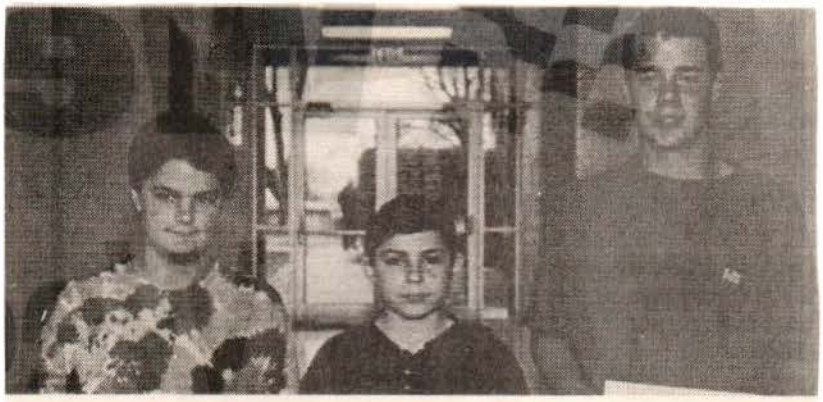
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 4-8-98

Louisville high school students visit ECCC

Louisville High School seniors go to ECCC High School Day

These Louisville High School students recently attended senior day activities held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (first row, from left) Brooke Manigold, Kaci Allen, Cassie Eaves, Amy Herrington, Ken Thompson and Jennifer Oldham; and (back row, from left) Bart Chancellor, Josh Hoenig, Angela Jayroe, Mike Smith, Davin Langford, Casey Hartness and Jana Wyley. Students were given tours of the campus and attended interest sessions to discuss possible college majors. They were also entertained by several of the college's musical ensembles and enjoyed grilled hamburgers for lunch.

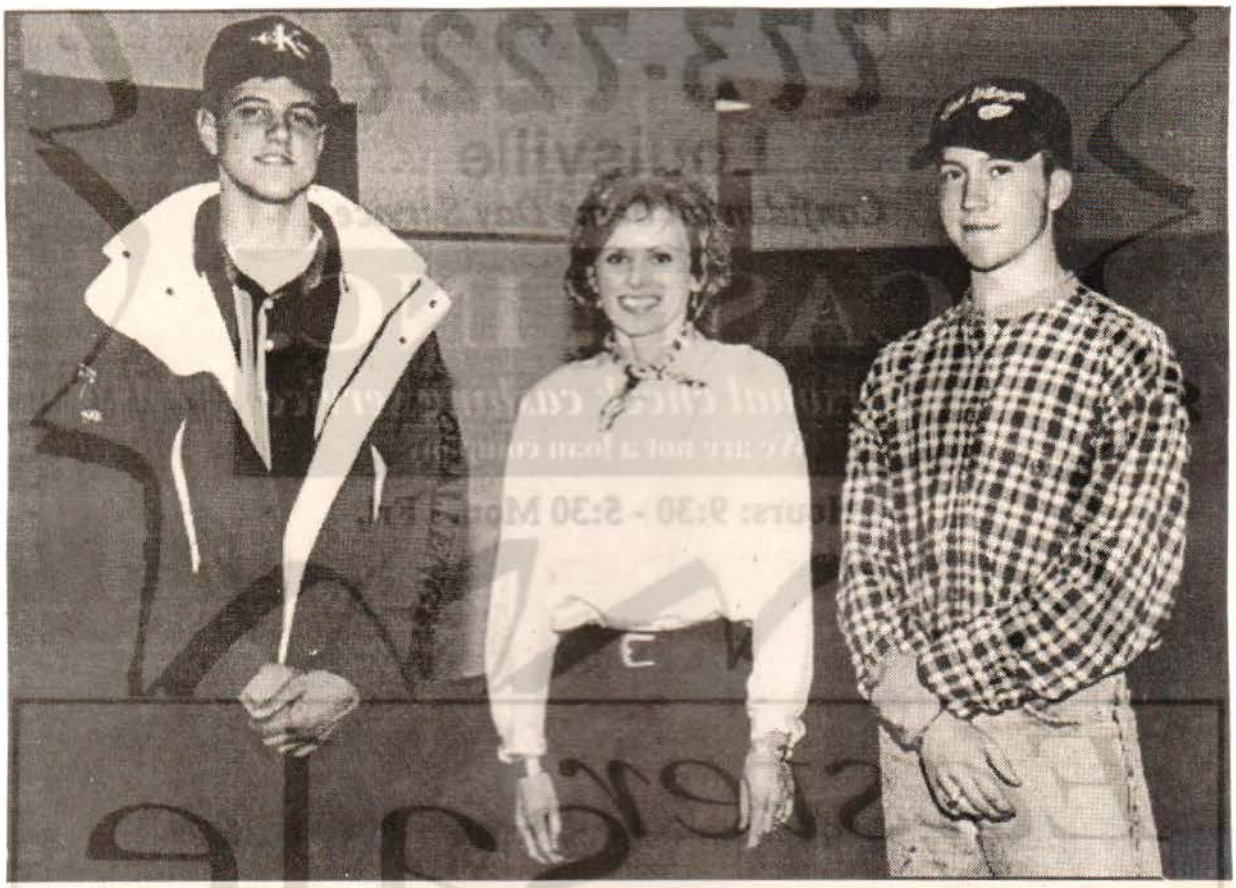


East Central Community College in Decatur recently sponsored the Mississippi Council of Teachers of Mathematics District Junior High Math Competition. A. J. Chesney of Union (left) received first place honors in the seventh grade division. Receiving honors in the eighth grade division were Joshua Mitchell of Forest (center), first place, and Blake Fulton of Nanih Waiya, second. Not pictured is seventh grader Michael Carter of Forest .

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL X
CLARION-LEDGER_____
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 4-8-98



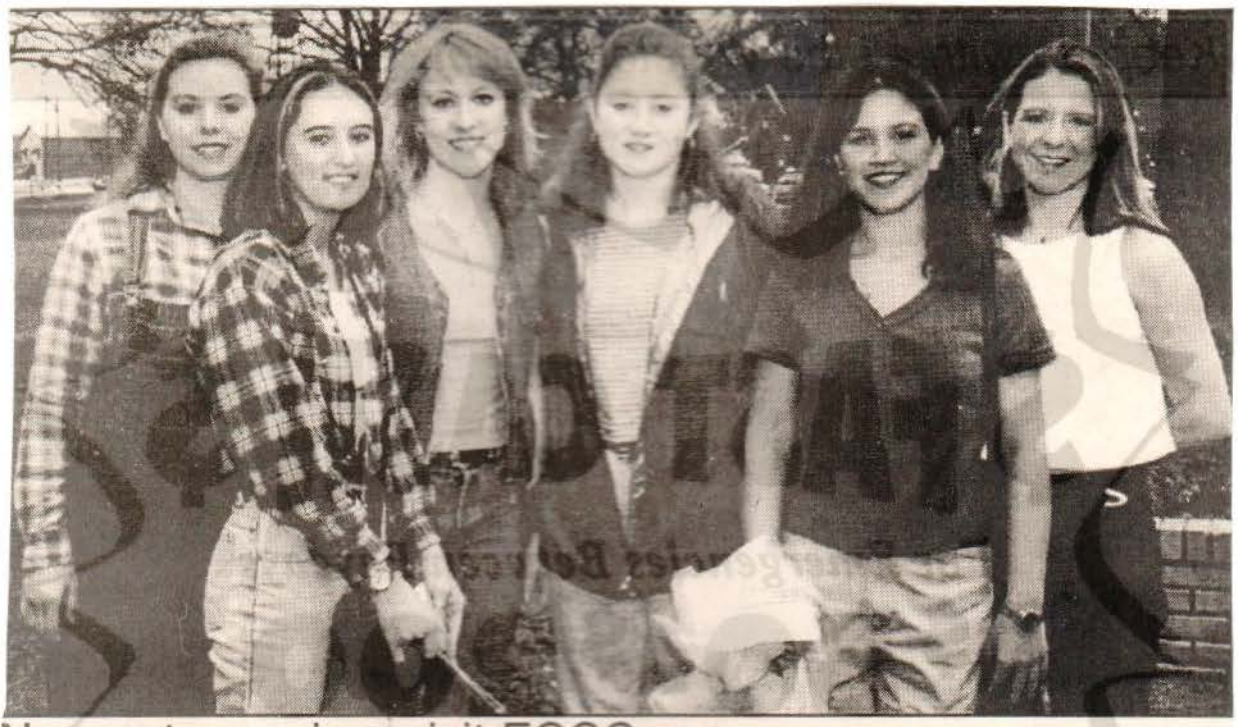
These students from Nanih Waiya High School recently attended Senior Day activities held at East Central Community College in Decatur and are shown with Lanette Hanna (center) who serves as recruiter/Tech Prep Career Center Director. Shown with the college official are Bradley Heard (left) and Glenn Gregory. Students were given tours of the campus and attended interest sessions to discuss possible college majors. They were also entertained by several of the college's musical ensembles.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL X
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 4-8-98



Noxapater seniors visit ECCC

These students from Noxapater High School recently attended Senior Day activities held at East Central Community College in Decatur. From left are Charlene Hamilton, Beverly Reynolds, Tiffany Garrett, Lauren Young, Dana Snow andm Becky Suttle. Students were given tours of the campus and attended interest sessions to discuss possible college majors. They were also entertained by several of the college's musical ensembles and enjoyed grilled hamburgers fro lunch.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL X
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 4-16-98

ECCC student considered for All-USA Academic Team

By **Jimmy Andrews**
The Meridian Star

DECATUR — Amy Gomillion does admit having made a "C" once, but mostly the East Central Community College senior has always made A's and B's. Her grades are good enough for her to be considered for placement on the All-USA Academic Team for community/junior colleges.

Sponsored by USA Today, Phi Theta Kappa and the American Association of Community Colleges, those receiving the national recognition will be featured in USA Today and will receive a $2500 stipend for further educational use.

Gomillion

Gomillion has already received a check for $1,000 for being named to the 1998 Mississippi All-State Academic Team.

"I have a 4.0 grade point average," Gomillion confesses. "I don't know what I'd do if I didn't get good grades."

Only 10 students are chosen to represent the state team, and the Walnut Grove native had to complete a written essay, submit letters of recommendations and demonstrate academic achievement and leadership skills.

"I've always been a go-getter," Gomillion said. "I enjoy being in a leadership role. I've had great family support."

Amy's mother has been a kindergarten teacher for over 25 years. She even taught her own daughter in the second grade.

"I called her Mrs. Gomillion just like all the other kids," Amy said. "Of course she always knew if i had done my homework, but my study habits haven't always come easy. It's very hard to stay focused when there are other activities going on on campus. You just have to be a good time manager, and I really don't get much out of the classroom. I tend to learn more stuck in my room.

Amy plans to leave ECCC ar head off to the University of Mi sissippi Pharmacy School in th fall.

"I don't like organic chemist at all, but becoming a pharmaci is what I want to do. A doct requires too much time awa from family, so I thought being pharmacist would be perfect."

So far, Gomillion has bee perfect academically. Her "(came way back in high scho but it was only on a test. She h never seen anything below a "I on a report card.

Fellow ECCC classmate Bri Shaw of Forest received hono able mention on the state ac demic team.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER _____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES _____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL _____
CLARION-LEDGER _____

CARTHAGINIAN _____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT _____
NEWTON RECORD _____
MERIDIAN STAR X

WEEK OF 4-22-98

Place In ECCC Math Contest....Neshoba Central High School took third place honors in the recent District Mathematics Contest sponsored by East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members included (first row, from left) Chris Webb, Kristin Fieber, Kristy Irons, Jason Myers and Tony Alawine; and (back row, from left) Derek Cannon, Jay Bryan, Johnny Cook and Don Nance and mathematics teacher Robert White. Twelve district high schools participated in the event. (EC Photo)

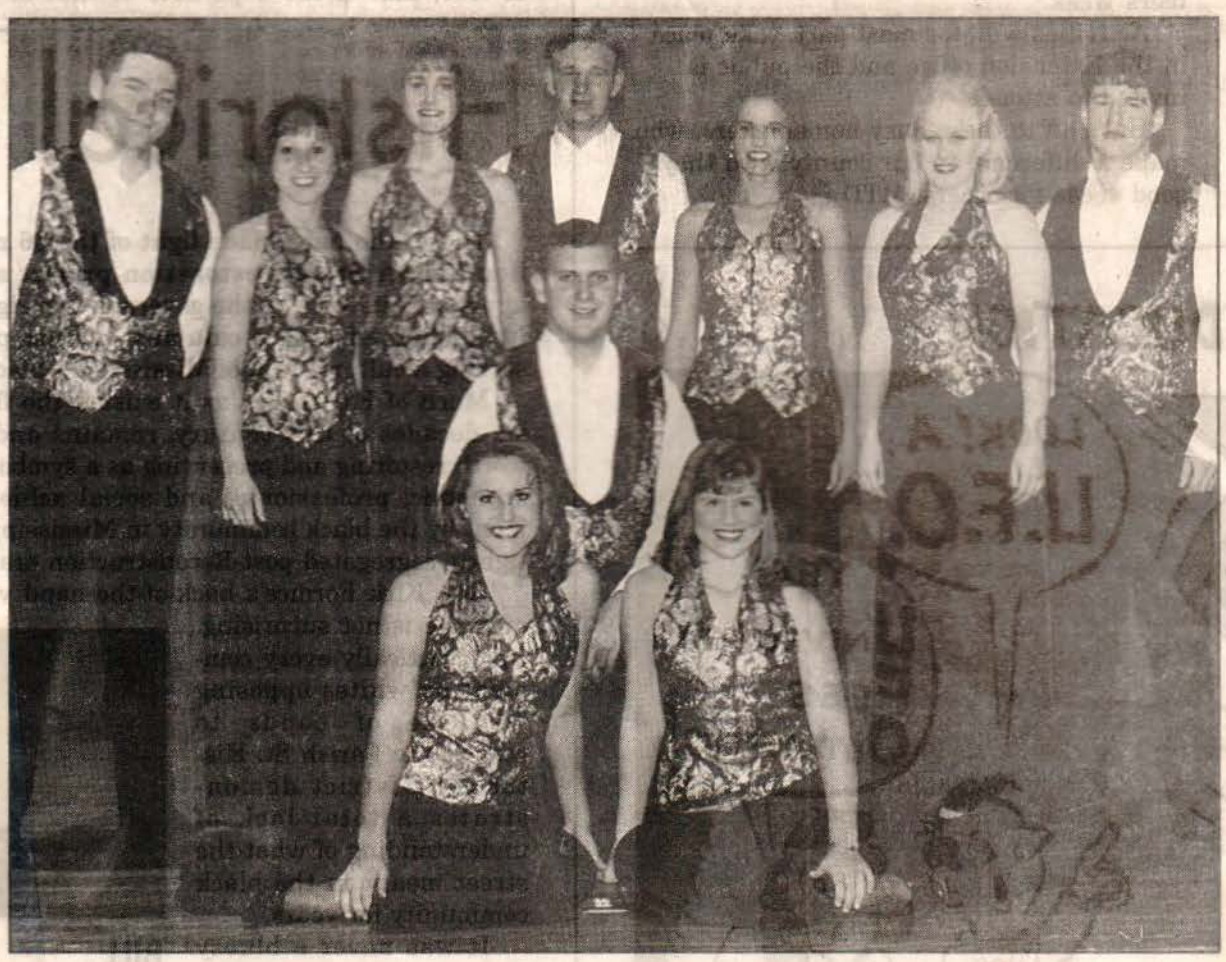
APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL X
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 4-22-98

Chamber entertainment lined up



Special Ac'cents

Ac'cents, the East Central Community College show choir, will be featured entertainment Tuesday, April 28, when the Leake County Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Development Authority host the 45th annual membership banquet.

Chamber 45th banquet shapes up for April 28

The 45th annual membership meeting of the Leake County Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Development Association will be held Tuesday, April 28, at 7 p.m. at Carthage High School Cafetorium.

The entertainment for the meeting will be the Ac'cents, East Central Community College's show choir. The 10 member show will present a choreographed program entitled "The Heart of Rock and Roll."

Members of the talented group are Crystal

ton County. Charles Hinson serves as director.

Wayne Brantley, president of the Chamber, will make his annual report to the membership.

Awards will be presented to the Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, and Outstanding Farm Family of the Year in addition to special recognition given by the president to outstanding committee and board members.

N.L. Carson will make a report from the Industrial Development Association.

Paul Chamblee will receive the gavel to

AP
LA
SC
UN
WI
CL

WEEK OF 4-22-98

HOSA group plans auction at ECCC game

The East Central Community College HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) chapter will hold a silent auction between games of the ECCC-Pearl River baseball game on April 22 in Decatur.

Among items to be auctioned in the fundraiser include a brass electric lamp, porcelain flower, dried flower wall arrangement, glass candy jars an lids, glass chip and dip bowl set, $50 gift certificate to Whiddon Photography in Meridian and many more items.

For more inforamtion contact Mrs. Sandra Thomas, HOSA advisor at ECCC in Decatur.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL X
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 4-22-98

ECCC Math Contest Participants....Seven students from Newton County High School recently participated in the District Mathematics Contest sponsored by East Central Community College in Decatur. They included (first row, from left) Kristi Averett, Kelli Harris, Emily Boggan and Penny Russell; and (back row, from left) Blake McMullan, Scott Johnson and Adam Cavenaugh and mathematics teacher Kathy Pearce. Twelve district high

APPEARE
LAKE MES
SCOTT CO
UNION AP
WINSTON
CLARION-

Participate in ECCC Math Contest....These Union High School students were among those who recently participated in the District Mathematics Contest sponsored by East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (first row, from left) Stacy Skinner, Amy Arthur, Karen Van Devender and Sandra Baistian; and (back row, from left) Jennifer Thompson, Kristi French, Marshall Rivers and Brooke Graham and mathematics teacher Tammy Shumaker. Twelve district high schools participated in the event. (EC Photo)

WEEK OF 5-6-98

Graduation

Record number earn EC diplomas

A record 365 students are candidates for graduation this spring at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Phil Sutphin, dean of instruction. Commencement exercises are scheduled at 8 p.m. Friday, May 15, 1998, in Warrior Stadium.

Selected to deliver the keynote address is Amy Gomillion of Walnut Grove, a recipient of numerous honors during her two years at East Central.

Gomillion served this past year as student body president and is a member of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two year college.

Most recently she was named to the All-Mississippi Academic First Team, sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, The Clarion-Ledger and the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges.

Other graduating sophomores selected to serve as program participants include Sheila Oliver, soloist, of Little Rock, who will be accompanied by Elijah Ben of Philadelphia; Kamonica Craig, invocation, of Louisville; and Donnie Atkinson, benediction, of Philadelphia.

Candidates for graduation include the following:

NESHOBA COUNTY: Amy B. Bobo, Tressie M. Charlie, Robert Brian Hardy, Ginger Stovall, LaWanda Coleman, Christie Ray Fulton, Chasity Warren, Peggy Alford Branning, Jennifer Lee, Dawn Nelson, Melanie J. Patterson, Yvonne H. Nowell, Tina Herron Salter, Terry Smith, David Huffman, Ken Judon, Ashley S. Allard, Lisa Dawn Beeland, Sandra Chisolm, Paula J. Crawford, Carmen Evans, Randy Dale Howell, Victoria Diamond Hundley, Penny White, TaRita Williamson, Elijah Ben, Davis Thomas Fulton, Bianca Shauntay Jim, Crystal Lewis, Connie Donald Moore, Toronda Wilson, Rosa York, Zachary Sanders, Jason Alford, Attalia J. Amos, Donnie C. Atkinson, Rusty Cumberland, Ryan Gilmer, Prisinda DeAnne Isaac, Denise John, Christopher Lewis, Phyllis A. McMillan, Brock H. Phillips, Derek Russell, Quanta Hill, Felisha R. Bennett, Amanda Burks, Shanna Dyann Dees, Rhonda Audine Fox, Natalie Smith, Jarrod Taylor, Pachasia L. Thompson, Norma Jean Bacon, Cyrus Ben, Timothy Boswell, Aaron Emerson, John Fitzgerald, Benjamin J. Fulton, Chenise Horne, Stephen D. Jenkins, Betty L. Jones, Autumn Townsend, Kara Loper and James Seth McCoy, all of Philadelphia;

Kristie Pilgrim, Robyn D. Johnson, David L. Ezell, Ruth C. Franklin, Stephanie Peebles, Penny P. Sharp, Crystal Germany, Jennifer L. McDaniel, Leslie Nelson, Lisa Nelson, Billy Singleton, Jr., Kenneth Thrash, Stephanie R. Joyner, Rhett C. Rivers, all of Union;

and James Roy Sanderson, Preston.

NEWTON COUNTY: Angela Dunkerson, Charles Mingo Tingle, Adria Rachelle Stamper, Emily E. Bullock, Amanda Garrison, Christen Brooke Knight, Josh Bamberg, Detra Carter, Joey Lang, Charles T. Pierce, Perez Willis, Joslyn Mapp, Brian D. Green, Rebecka Ann Addy, John Burel Everett, Mary H. Everett, Michelle L. Lee, Natasha Mathis and Michael Cutway, all of Decatur;

Flora Nicole Hodge, Janice Adkins, Terri Denise Fleming, Elvie L. Allen, Deanna Bankston, Robert Earl Daniels, April Jones, Sandra M. Thrash, Jason Jones, Michael E. Lee, Suzanne Jones and Connie Roland, all of Union,

Sha Alderman, Stephen C. May, Julie Clanton, Stephanie McLemore and Denise Abel, all of Lawrence; Valerie McMullan, Gregory E. McBride, Annette B. Chapman, Amber M. Grady, Miriam Rivers, Dale Evans Perez, Robin Denise Overstreet, Shannon Lindsey, Dwyane H. Dunkerson, Mary Shelton, Rufus Husband, Krystal Harrison, Heather Munn, Teresa R. Walker, Uwe Dotzauer, Tory Evans, Jermaine M. Jones, Patricia Moore, Deric Thompson, Stephen W. Harris, Shaquania Huddleston, Kiwana Norman, Shanta D. Smith, Tamekia L. Surrell, Richard P. Blackburn, Amberly P. Bounds, Kaye Cates, Holly K. Hamrick, Timothy L. Huddleston, Eric Weaver, Jason Griffin, and Charles Richardson, all of Newton,

Amy Yates and Marie Williams, both of Lake; Georgia M. Chaney, Nona Tucker, Janet Leigh Harrison, Lori Ferguson, Candace Sheila Oliver and Pamela Ann Luke, all of Little Rock;

Linda Hill, Hillary W. Johnson, Elray V. King and Melanie Stephens Billy, all of Conehatta;

Christi Machelle McGee, Marissa McGee, Tammie Walker, Stephanie Suzanne Craig, Kristie La Toya Temple, James Glen Hansford, William J. Smith and Anna Kerr Cain, all of Hickory; and Darrell S. Embrey, Chunky.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL X

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 5-6-98

Receive honors

Various honors were presented to East Central Community College's Phi Theta Kappa chapter at the international honor society's annual convention recently held in Nashville, TN. Theta Xi was one of only 10 chapters to be awarded the Eichling Yearbook and Fellowship Hallmark awards, and one of 25 recipients of the Distinguished Chapter Award. Overall points earned by ECCC in the four hallmarks - Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Fellowship - ranked Theta Xi twelfth among all chapters participating in the Hallmark competition and first among organizations in the Mississippi/Louisiana region. Individual honors were presented to Brian Shaw of Forest, Distinguished Chapter President Award; and Amy Spears of Lena, Bierkoe Distinguished Member Award. Only 25 awards in each category were presented this year. Theta Xi members who attended the annual international convention included (first row, from left) Shaw; Spears; Amy Gomillion, Walnut Grove; and Dannette Brown, Carthage; and (back row, from left) Brad Walley, Hillsboro; Justin Miles, Louisville; Rhett Rivers, Union; and Philip Smith, Philadelphia. Not pictured are advisors Dr. Shelby Harris and Mrs. Ann Burkes.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

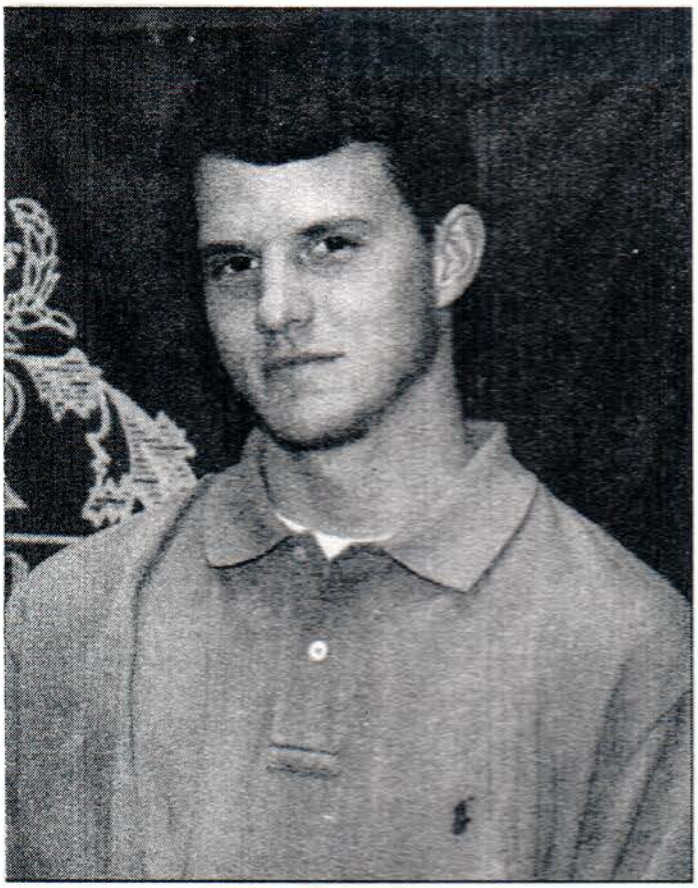
CARTHAGINIAN X

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 5-6-98



Shaw

Brian Shaw is named Distinguished Chapter President Award

East Central Community College sophomore Brian Shaw of Forest was presented the Distinguished Chapter President Award at the 1998 Phi Theta Kappa International Convention held recently in Nashville, Tennessee.

Shaw, a member of the College's Theta Xi Chapter, was one of only 25 recipients representing the over 1200 Phi Theta Kappa organizations to receive the prestigious award. Individual honors were also presented to Amy Spears of Lena who received the George O. Bierkoe Distinguished Member Award.

In addition, Theta Xi received the Eichling Yearbook Award, Distinguished Chapter Award and Fellowship Hallmark Award.

Theta Xi is ranked twelfth among all chapters participating in the Hallmark competition and first among chapters in the Mississippi/Louisiana region.

Dr. Shelby Harris and Mrs. Ann Burkes serves as advisors. Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for two-year colleges with chapters in all 50 states, Canada, Germany and U.S. territories aboard.

Frith named collegiate scholar

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Tiffany Frith of Morton has been named an All-American Collegiate Scholar.

The USAA has established the All-American Collegiate Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Collegiate Scholars must earn a 3.3, or higher, grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school official or other qualified sponsor are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the USAA. These are awards few students can ever hope to attain.

Tiffany, who attends East Central Community College, was nominated for this national award by Randall Lee, Dean of Students. She will appear in the All-American Collegiate Yearbook, which is published nationally.

Tiffany is the daughter of Bobby and Becky Frith from Morton. Grandparents are Melbalene Frith and the late Rayvine Frith of Morton and Oliver and Faye McCrory of Morton and Virginia Weldon of Georgia.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER ✓
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF 5-6-98

Places in ECCC math contest

Neshoba Central High School took third place honors in the recent District Mathematics Contest sponsored by East Central Community College.Team members include, first row, from left,Chris Webb, Kristin Fieber, Kristy Irons, Jason Myers and Tony Alawine and, in back, Derek Cannon, Jay Bryan, Johnny Cook and Don Nance and mathematics teacher Robert White. Twelve district high schools participated in the event.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT X
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 5-6-98

ECCC HOSA WINNERS . . . These students in the Licensed Practical Nursing program at East Central Community College received honors recently during the Central District HOSA (Health Occupational Students of America) Competition held at Meridian Community College and will advance to the state level. Students and their respective competitions included (first row, from left) Kelvin Knowles of Louisville, Medical Math and HOSA Bowl Team; LuAnn Gould of Morton, Gerontology Knowledge Test and Extemporaneous Speaking State Competition; Stephanie Spangler of Little Rock, HOSA Bowl Team; Brenda Apperson of Philadelphia, Gerontology Knowledge Test and Extemporaneous Writing; Linda Tucker of Philadelphia, Nutrition Knowledge Test and Creative Problem Solving Team; Gwen Hickman of Louisville, Nurse Assisting and Job Seeking Skills; (second row, from left) Kim Burton of Union, Creative Problem Solving Team; Becky Henderson of Forest, Creative Problem Solving Team; Brenda Holder of Newton, Nutrition Knowledge Test and the Creative Problem Solving Team; Maria Stewart of Carthage, Creative Problem Solving Team; Carrie Perkins of Walnut Grove, Extemporaneous Writing; and (back row, from left) Jessica Cooley of Little Rock, Researched Persuasive Speaking; Jennifer Covington of Philadelphia, Pathophysiology Knowledge Test and Creative Problem Solving Team; Lindy Pace of Newton, Nutrition Knowledge Test and Creative Problem Solving Team; and Brad McNair of Union, Pathophysiology Knowledge Test. Not pictured are Joyce Basset of Forest, Gerontology Knowledge Test; Brandi Bounds of Forest, HOSA Bowl Team; and Mae Manus of Louisville, HOSA Bowl Team. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 5-6-98

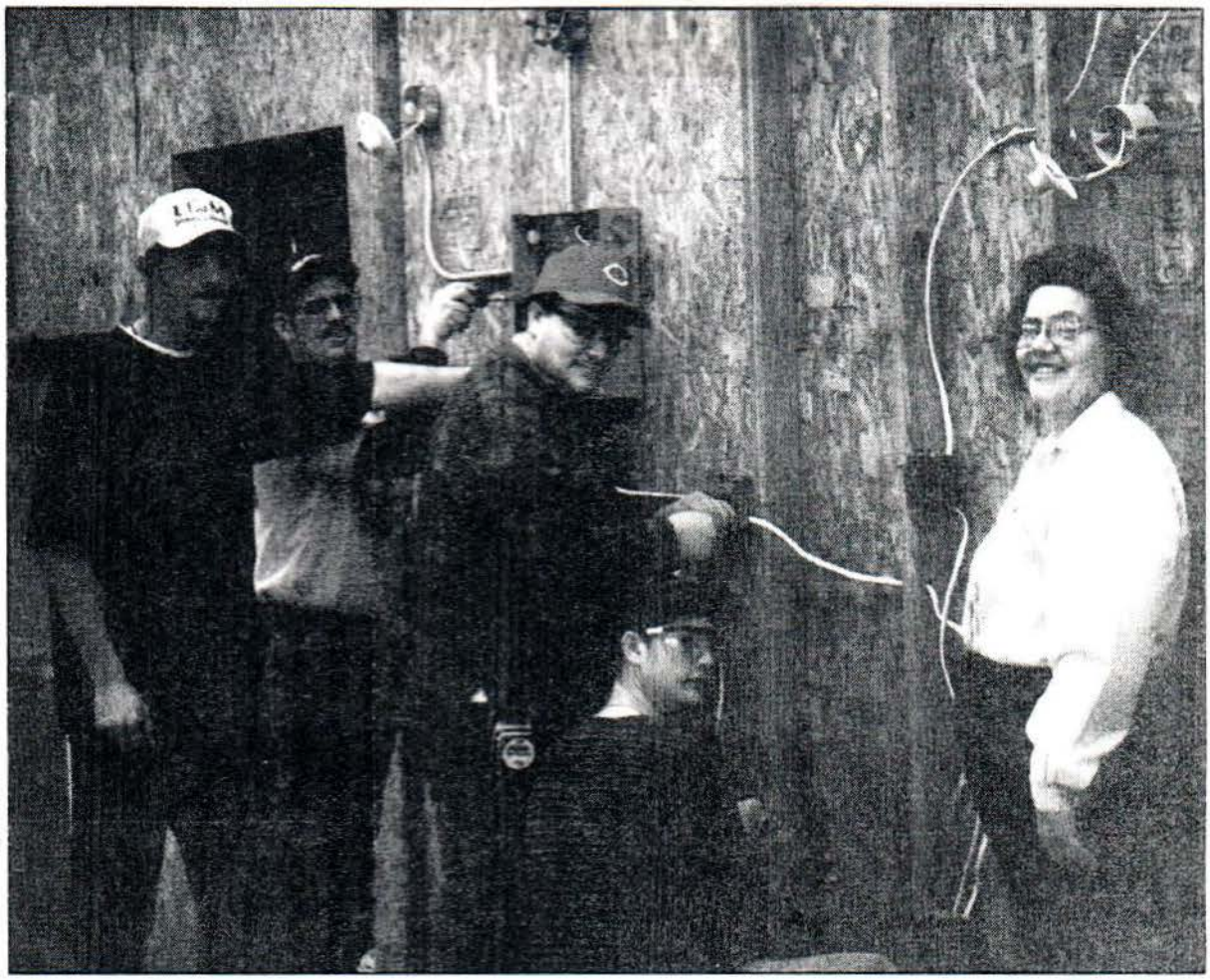
ATTEND LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE... Missy Johnson (left), daughter of Billy Bur and Pam Johnson of Hickory, and Keri Keith, daughter of Tommy and Pam Keith of Decatur recently participated in the Girls' Leadership Conference held at Roosevelt State Park ir Morton. Both were sponsored by the Decatur Lions Club. Also pictured Is club presiden Charles Hinson of Decatur.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL X
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 5-6-98



Students participate in Work-Based Learning program

These Electrical Technology students at East Central Community College in Decatur are involved in the Work-Based Learning program at the College. Students and their respective employers include (from left) Larame Townsend of Lake, Johnson Electric of Forest; Timothy Stanford of Hickory, ESCO Corporation of Newton; Bradley Sullivan of Louisville, Sullivan Electric of Louisville; B.J. Robinson of Forest, Robinson Industrial Wiring and Controls of Forest; and ECCC Electrical Technology instructor Mary Everett. Work-Based Learning allows students to gain experience on the job while attending college. It also enables employers to select work-ready students for full-time employment and feedback from employers assists instructors in remaining current on the latest technologies. For more information, contact Roger Whitlock, Work-Based Learning Coordinator, at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 305.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER A
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF 5-6-98

Theta Xi project

East Central Community College students (from left) Amy Gomillion of Walnut Grove, Amy Spears of Lena and Ginger Greer of Carthage recently participated in the Adopt-A-Highway roadside clean-up sponsored by Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college. The Adopt-A-Highway program is one of many service projects that Theta Xi participates in each year. Dr. Shelby Harris and Ann Burkes serve as sponsors.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN X

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 5-13-98

ECCC pinning ceremony set May 14 for ADN graduates

Thirty-two graduates of East Central Community College's Associate Degree Nursing Program will be honored at the annual pinning ceremony scheduled Thursday, May 14, 1998, in Decatur. Activities begin at 7:30 p.m. in Huff Auditorium.

Candidates for graduation include Phyllis Armstrong, Troye Lynn Bradshaw, Lisa Dearman and Kevin Hayman, all of Morton; Nikki Bateman and Brenda Stokes, both of Louisville; Lisa Beeland, Sandra Chisolm, Randy Howell, Denise John, Connie Moore, Stephanie Peebles, Penny Sharp and Torondo Wilson, all of Philadelphia;

Carol Bennett, Brandon; Kathy Brooks, Linda Gilbert and April Watkins, all of Lena; Amanda Garrison, Decatur; Tina Graham, Michelle McCoy and Marilyn Reed, all of Forest; Krystal Harrison, Newton; Melissa Hawkins, Raleigh; Ken Mangrum, Kosciusko; Mesha Merchant and Donna Tubby, both of Carthage; Stephanie Powell, Pearl; Sandra Thrash, Union; Tammie Walker, Hickory; Amy Wilkes, Noxapater; and Marie Williams, Lake.

The public is invited to attend the program and reception which follows in the Associate Degree Nursing/Child Care Technology building.

The ADN program was recently awarded full accreditation for a five-year period by the National League of Nursing Accreditation Commission, after earlier receiving state accreditation.

Nancy Harris serves as program director. Instructors are Wendy Buchanan, Monelle Clifton, Patricia Gaddis, Cynthia Gaudin, Lisa Gorgas, Brenda Kirby, Martha McElhenney and Kasandra Reynolds. Kathy Purser serves as secretary.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ✓
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 5-13-98

Win State Honors....These East Central Community College students won various honors at the State Phi Beta Lambda Leadership Conference held recently in Jackson. From left are Regena McCraw of Sebastopol, third place winner in Computer Applications, and Rhett Rivers of Union, who won first place in the Economics category. Rivers will participate in the national competition scheduled July 10-13 in Orlando, Florida. Phi Beta Lambda is an organization for business students. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL ✓
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 5-13-98

Award recipients

These students received honors for their performances in the East Central Community College production of "My Fair Lady." Awards were presented during the ECCC Players Banquet held recently in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (seated, from left) Benita Madden of Carthage, outstanding off-stage actress; Brandi Duncan of Neshoba Central, best supporting actress; Shelia Oliver, best female vocalist, and Marci Hollingsworth, best actress, both of Newton County; and (standing, from left) Shaun Lloyd of Morton, best male vocalist; Jason Alford of Philadelphia, best supporting actor; Nathan Evans of Newton County, outstanding cameo appearance in a musical; Ken Thrash, best actor; Adrienne Latshaw, best choreography; and Chas Evans of Newton County, best supporting actor.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN ✓

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 5-13-98

6C, The Neshoba Democrat, Philadelphia, Miss., May 13, 1998

ECCC Collegians to perform at Universal Studios May 22

The Collegians of East Central Community College in Decatur have been selected to perform at the first annual "Lights, Camera and Music Festival" scheduled Thursday, May 22, at Universal Studios, Fla. The talented group's performance begins at 4 p.m., according to Thomas W. Carson, director/guitarist.

Carson said the Collegians were chosen to participate in the event after festival officials reviewed a tape of the group's performance last fall. "We are very honored to be selected to perform at the Festival and are especially glad for our students who really enjoy being able to entertain at events such as this," Carson said.

The performance at Universal Studios marks the seventh-straight year the Collegians have been invited to appear in concert at an out-of-state event. In 1996, the popular musicians were the only musical group from Mississippi chosen to perform at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

In addition to Carson, other Collegians and their respective high schools include Shaun Lloyd, Morton; Jason Wallace and Joseph Nowell, both of Louisville; Jay Smith, Scott Houston, Chas Evans, Josh Bamberg, Sheila Oliver, Marci Hollingsworth, Jason Gaines and Tori Jordan, all of Newton County; Nathan Shaw, Neshoba Central; Sara Whitsell, Scott Central; Beckie Fulton, Leake Academy; Stephen Spire, Union; Jason Alford, Philadelphia; and Jeff Denson, Morton. Assistant band director Johnny May serves as drummer.

For more information contact Thomas W. Carson, Director of Bands, ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, or call toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (877-462-3222).

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ✓

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 5-18-98

MU ALPHA THETA INDUCTEES - Students recently inducted into the East Central Community College chapter of Mu Alpha Theta, an organization which seeks to develop sound scholarship in mathematics. Pictured are (first row, from left) Danna Dye of Morton, Rebecca Sikes of Carthage, Laura Faulk of Louisville, Rachel Willis of Conehatta, and Lisa Chesney of Union; and (back row, from left) Harley Hollingsworth of Carthage, Vanessa Sanders of Anchorage, Alaska; Jodi Stribling of Carthage, Josh Bryan and Loresnzo Griffin, both of Philadelphia; Candi Butler of Morton and Anita Moss of Carthage. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 5-18-98

ECCC Students Receive Awards

Various honors were presented to East Central Community College students who participated inthe annual Spring Art Exhibit held on the Decatur campus.

Award recipients included Jennifer Alford of Philadelphia, third place in printing and honorable mention in drawing; Donnie Atkinson of Philadelphia, second in design and honorable mention in painting; Jason Cleveland of Hickory, third in drawing; Robert Daniels of Union, first in painting, and first and third in graphics; Nick Eubanks of Philadelphia, first in drawing; Linzy Gressett of Carthage, second in drawing; Stephanie Harris of Louin, second in painting; Max Lobentovich of Newton/Ukraine, second in painting; Candy McCormick of Forest, first in printing and third in painting; Layla Peoples of Newton, first in design and honorable mention in graphics; Randy Robinson of Newton, third in design and honorable mention in graphics; Kathy spears of Philadelphia, honorable mention in painting; Tiffany Agent of Carthage, first in crayon engraving; Nonya Shaw of Sebastopol, second in pencil drawing; Miriam Lott of Union, third in spatter paint; and Marissa McGee of Hickory, honorable mention in spatter paint.

For more information about the college's art department call toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC(1-877-462-3222).

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 5-25-98

ECCC STUDENT LEADERS - Selected to lead the East Central Community College Student Body Association for the 1998-99 college term are (from left) Laura Ming of Louisville, president; Ragan Mitchell of Nanih Waiya, vice president; Crystal Gee of Carthage, secretary; and B.J. Morrow of Neshoba Central, treasurer. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD ✓

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 5-25-98

Receive Phi Theta Kappa honors

Various honors were presented to East Central Community College's Phi Theta Kappa chapter at the international honor society's annual convention recently held in Nashville, Tennessee. Theta Xi was one of only ten chapters to be awarded the Eichling and Fellowship Hallmark awards, and one of 25 recipients of the Distinguished Chapter Award. Overall points earned by ECCC in the four hallmarks - Scholarships, Leadership, Service and Fellowship - ranked Theta Xi twelfth among all chapters participating in the Hallmark competition and first among organizations in the Mississippi/Louisiana region. Individual honors were presented to Brian Shaw of Forest, Distinguished Chapter President Award; and Amy Spears of Lena, George O. Bierkoe Distinguished Member Award. Only 25 awards in each category were presented this year. Theta Xi members who attended the annual convention included (first row, from left) Mrs. Ann Burkes, advisor; Spears; Amy Gomillion, Walnut Grove; Dannette Brown, Carthage; and Dr. Shelby Harris, advisor; and (back row, from left) Shaw; Brad Walley, Hillsboro; Justin Miles, Louisville; Rhett Rivers, Union; and Phillip Smith, Philadelphia. Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for two-year colleges with over 1200 chapters in all 50 states, Canada, Germany and U.S. territories aboard.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

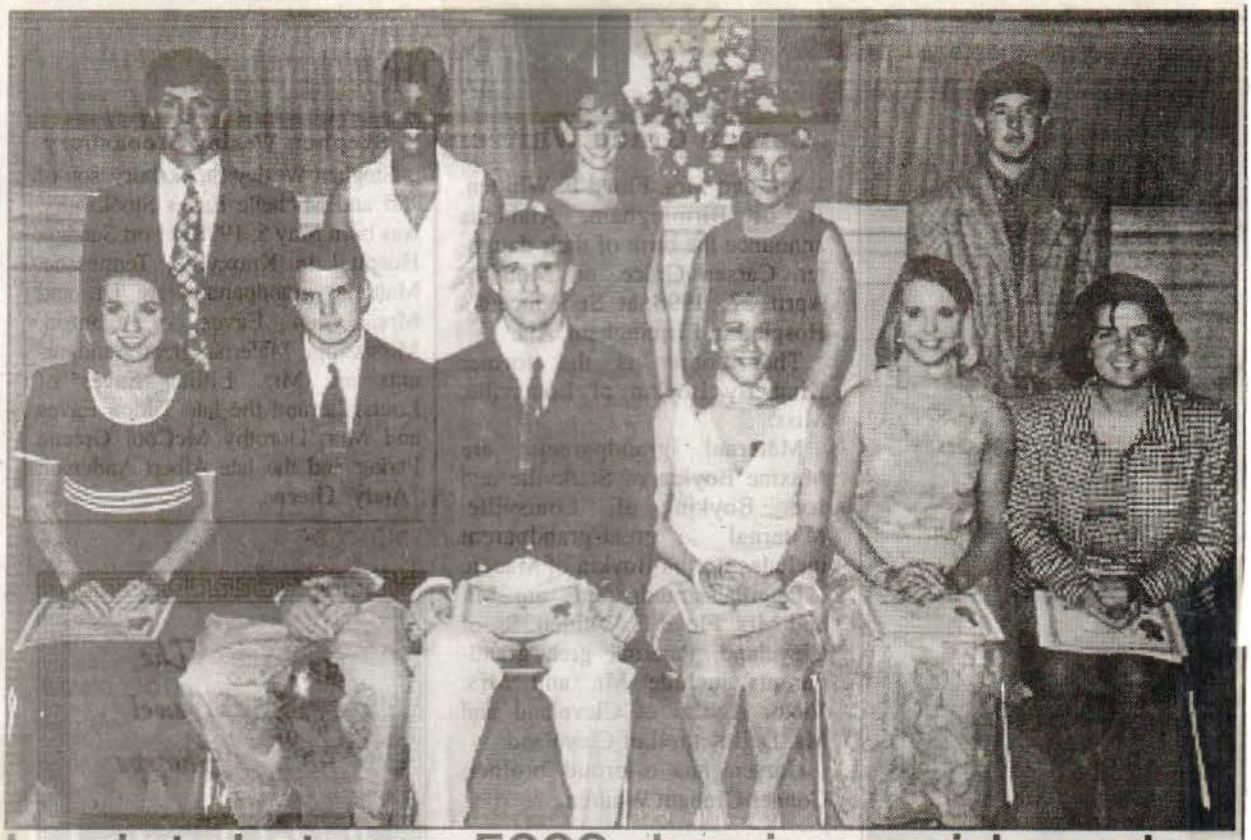
CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 5-25-98



Local students earn ECCC alumni memorial awards

These East Central Community College students received Alumni Memorial Awards at the College's annual "Awards Day" program held recently on the Decatur campus. Honorees include (seated, from left) Janet Harrison of Little Rock, Opal McMullan Dickinson Elementary Education; Brian Shaw of Forest, W. A. Coursey Jr. Engineering and Jack B. Mayo Phi Theta Kappa; Justin Miles of Nanih Waiya, Danny R. Killens Engineering; Barbara Brown of Meridian, Sara Carr Deaton Business Technology; Amy Gomillion of Walnut Grove, Jack B. Mayo Phi Theta Kappa; and Laura Ming of Louisville, Leon Eubanks Kaljc-Peers; and (standing, from left) Ron Perkins, Billy Wayne Baucum Secondary Education and Kamonica Craig, Earline Wood Women's Basketball, both of Louisville; Deanna Bankston of Union, Alatha Chaney English Award; Leslie Nelson of Union, Dr. Edwin Miller Medical Services; and Ray Waddell of Philadelphia, Howard Sessums Basketball.

These East Central Community College sophomores received transfer scholarships to continue their education at the University of Southern Mississippi. Pictured at left are (seated, from left) Gaydon Richardson of Louisville, Angie England of Kosciusko, Sherie Bradford of Forest, and Emily Bullock and Detra Carter, both of Decatur; and (standing, from left) Rhett Rivers of Union, Chris Haralson of Forest, Dan Gressett of Lake, David Jones of Walnut Grove and Greg Pierce, USM Associate Director of Admissions.

APPEARE
LAKE ME
SCOTT C
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL ✓
CLARION-LEDGER
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF 5-25-98

Spring recital presented

The East Central Community College music department recently held its spring sophomore musical recital in the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts auditorium on the Decatur campus. Participants included (from left) ECCC vocal instructor Ross Price, Shelia Oliver of Newton County, Sarah Whitesell of Forest, Jessica Jordan of Edinburg, Brandi Duncan (freshman) of Neshoba Central, Jason Alford of Philadelphia, Elijah Ben of Choctaw Central, Michael Donovan of Enterprise, and keyboard instructor Leesa Wilkinson. Not pictured is Detra Carter of Newton County. For more information about the ECCC Music Department contact Price, Wilkinson or band director Thomas W. Carson at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, ph. 635-2111. (EC photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-1-98

Attend 'Senior Day' activities

Among area students who attended "Senior Day" activities at East Central Community College were the above Forest High School seniors (first row, from left) Jennifer Camilletti, Lisa Patel, Lateshia McDonald, Amanda Warren and Tracy Latham; (second row, from left) Sloane Fortinberry, Joni Lee, Angie Tadlock, Lakeshia Body and Lori Triplett; (third row, from left) Vincent Harris and Jennifer Hunter; (fourth row) RaeFeun Hunter, Johnny Gunn, Josh Eure and Matt Malone; and (fifth row) Justin Windham, Ryan Carr, Todd Barber and Charles Gray. Included in the day's activities were orientation and special interest sessions, campus tours and entertainment by the College's jazz band, Ac'cents and Collegians. The special visitors were also treated to a picnic lunch on the East Mall. (EC photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

Sports camps in full swing at EC, Philly, and Neshoba Central

NESHOBA CENTRAL BOYS BASKETBALL

Neshoba Central will have two boys' basketball camps this summer.

The first camp will run from June 8-12 and will be for boys in grades five through eight.

The second camp will be from June 15-19 and will be for boys in grades two through four.

Both camps will be held at the old high school gym and will run from 8 a.m. until noon.

The cost of each camp is $40.

For more information, call the Neshoba gym at 656-7418 or Rockets coach Sal Labbe at 663-4253.

NESHOBA CENTRAL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Neshoba Central will have a girls' basketball camp June 8-12 for girls in the fourth through the ninth grade.

The cost is $45 per camper.

Registration is set for June 8 at 7:30 a.m.

Applications may be picked up at the high school gym.

Lady Rockets coach Bill Smith will be in charge of the camp. He can be reached at 656-7418.

NESHOBA CENTRAL BASEBALL

Neshoba Central will have a baseball camp for ages 10-12 from June 22-25.

Cost of the camp is $65 which includes lunch each day and a T-shirt. The camp will last from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day.

Each camper will need a glove, shorts or baseball pants, and cleats.

For more information, contact Wes Johnson at 663-0054 or Brian Jones at 650-9871.

PHILADELPHIA BASEBALL

It's not too late to sign up for the annual Tornado baseball camp at Burnside Park, June 9-12.

Ages 7-10 will attend from 9 late as the first day of the camp.

Money from the camp goes for summer baseball at Philadelphia High School.

The camp is sponsored by Rush Sports Medicine.

For more information, contact Scott Hill at 656-3266.

ECCC BASEBALL

The seventh-annual East Central baseball camp will be held June 8-11 on the Decatur campus, head baseball coach Jamie Clark announced.

The annual "Diamond Week" will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for athletes ages 8-14. Participants will be divided into groups according to age and ability. The cost is $50 per camper. This fee includes insurance and a camp T-shirt.

Coach Clark will be assisted during the four-day camp by area high school coaches along with former and current EC baseball players.

To register or receive more information, contact Jamie Clark at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327 or phone 635-2111, ext. 226 or 310, or toll free at 1-877-GO-2-ECCC.

ECCC BASKETBALL

ECCC will be conducting basketball clinics during the months of June and July for boys in grades three through 12 and girls in grades four through 12, athletic director/women's basketball coach Sammy Pace announced.

Boys' camps are scheduled June 7-10 (junior high), June 11-13 (grades three through five), June 14-17 (senior high), and June 18-20 (grades three through five).

Total cost of the junior high and high school camps is $125 for full-time campers and $100 for non-dorm campers. A deposit of $40 must be made in advance to satisfy registration with the balance due at the beginning of camp. Registration forms should be returned on or before June 1. Anyone registering after June 1 will be assessed a $15 late fee.

The camp cost includes vide linens, blankets, and pillows.

Instruction is divided into three session each day, 9-11:30 a.m., 1:30-4:30 p.m., and 6:30 - 9 p.m.

Registration will be held Sunday from 1-5 p.m. at the beginning of each camp week.

Cost of the elementary camps is $50 with a $20 deposit required.

For applications or more information, contact coach Marty Cooper, ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327 or phone 635-2111, ext. 243 or toll-free at 1-877-GO-2-ECCC.

Girls camps are scheduled June 21-24 (junior high) and June 28-July 1 (senior high).

Total cost for the camp is $125 for full-time campers and $85 for non-dorm campers. A deposit of $40 must be made in advance to satisfy registration with the balance due at the beginning of camp. Registration forms should be returned on or before June 1. Anyone registering after June 1 will be assessed a $15 late fee.

The camp cost includes meals, dormitory rooms for full-time campers, accident insurance and a camp T-shirt. Full-time campers must provide linens, blankets, and pillows. Day campers will be provided the noon meal only.

There will be three sessions daily from 9-11 a.m., 2-4 p.m., and 7-9 p.m. Registration will take place the Sunday beginning each camp from 1-3 p.m. Each camp will conclude Wednesday after the evening session.

For applications or more information, contact Sammy Pace, ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327 or phone 635-2111 ext. 246 or 310, or toll-free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC.

APPE
LAKE
SCOT
UNIO
WINS
CLAR

DBA DEMOCRAT
ON RECORD
DAN STAR

WEEK OF 6-1-98

RECEIVE ECCC HONORS - Several East Central Community College students received honors at the College's annual "Awards Day" program held recently on the Decatur campus. Honorees in the technical division include (seated, from left) D'Arcy Stowers of Forest, collision repair technology; Michael Joiner of Louisville, automotive technology; Regena McCraw of Sebastopol, computer technology; and Ryan Gilmer of Philadelphia, electrical technology; and (standing, from left) Jennifer McDaniel, electronic technology; Michael Lee, heating and air conditioning technology, and Trent Ridout, machine shop technology, all of Union; Harley Hollingsworth of Carthage, O.L. Newell Drafting and "Technical Student of the Year"; and Melissa Brand of Decatur, surgical technology. not pictured is Lori Ferguson of Little Rock, child development technology. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-1-92

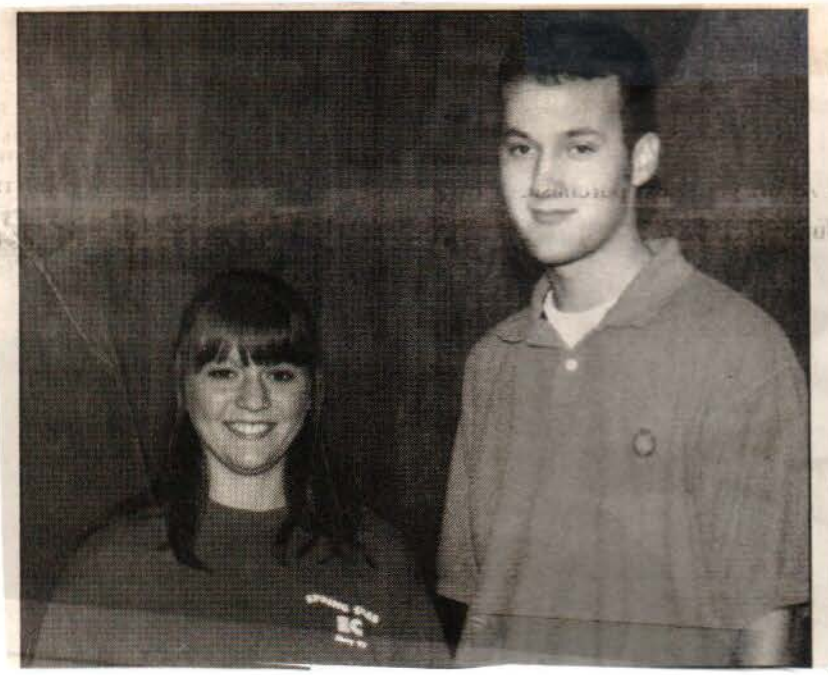
RECEIVE STATE HOSA HONORS - These East Central Community College Licensed Practical Nursing students recently received honors at the State HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) Convention held in Tupelo. Pictured are (first row, from left) Kim Burton of Union, fourth place, creative problem solving team who also scored above 70 percent on the National Healthcare Issues Exam; Brenda Holder of Newton, third place, nutrition knowledge test and third place, creative problem solving team; Jennifer Covington of Philadelphia, fourth place, creative problem solving team and fourth place, pathophysiology knowledge test; Carrie Perkins of Walnut Grove, recognized for scoring above 70 percent on the National Healthcare Issues Exam; Stephanie Spangler of Little Rock, also recognized for scoring above 70 percent on the National Healthcare Issues Exam; and Gwen Hickman of Louisville, first place, job seeking skills; (back row, from left) Brad McNair of Union, fifth place, pathophysiology knowledge test; LuAnn Gould of Morton, second place, extemporaneous speaking who also scored above 70 percent on the National Healthcare Issues Exam; Becky Henderson of Forest, fourth place, creative problem solving team and second place, medical lab assisting; Maria Stewart of Carthage, third place, creative problem solving team; Lindy Pace of Newton, first place, nutrition knowledge test and third place, creative problem solving team; Brenda Apperson of Philadelphia, third place, extemporaneous writing, fifth place, gerontology knowledge test, and also recognized for scoring above 70 percent on the National Healthcare Issues Exam; and Linda Tucker of Philadelphia, third place, creative problem solving team and second place, nutrition knowledge test. Not pictured is Mae Manus of Louisville who scored above 70 percent on the National Healthcare Issues Exam. All first, second and third place winners, as well as those scoring above 70 percent on the National Healthcare Issues Exam, are eligible to compete at the Nation HOSA Conference June 23-27 in Orlando, Florida. (EC photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-1-98



Win honors at state conference

These East Central Community College students won various honors at the State Phi Beta Lambda Leadership Conference held recently in Jackson. From left are Regena McCraw of Sebastopol, third place winner in Computer Applications, and Rhett Rivers of Union, who won first place in the Economics category. Rivers will participate in the national competition scheduled July 10-13 in Orlando, Florida. Phi Beta Lambda is an organization for business students. (EC photo)

Theta Xi members participate in clean-up project

East Central Community College freshman Brad Walley (left) and sophomore Brian Shaw, both of Forest, recently participated in the Adopt-A-Highway roadside clean-up sponsored by Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college. The Adopt-A-Highway program is one of many service projects that Theta Xi participates in each year. Dr. Shelby Harris and Ann Burkes serve as sponsors. (EC photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES /
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-1-98

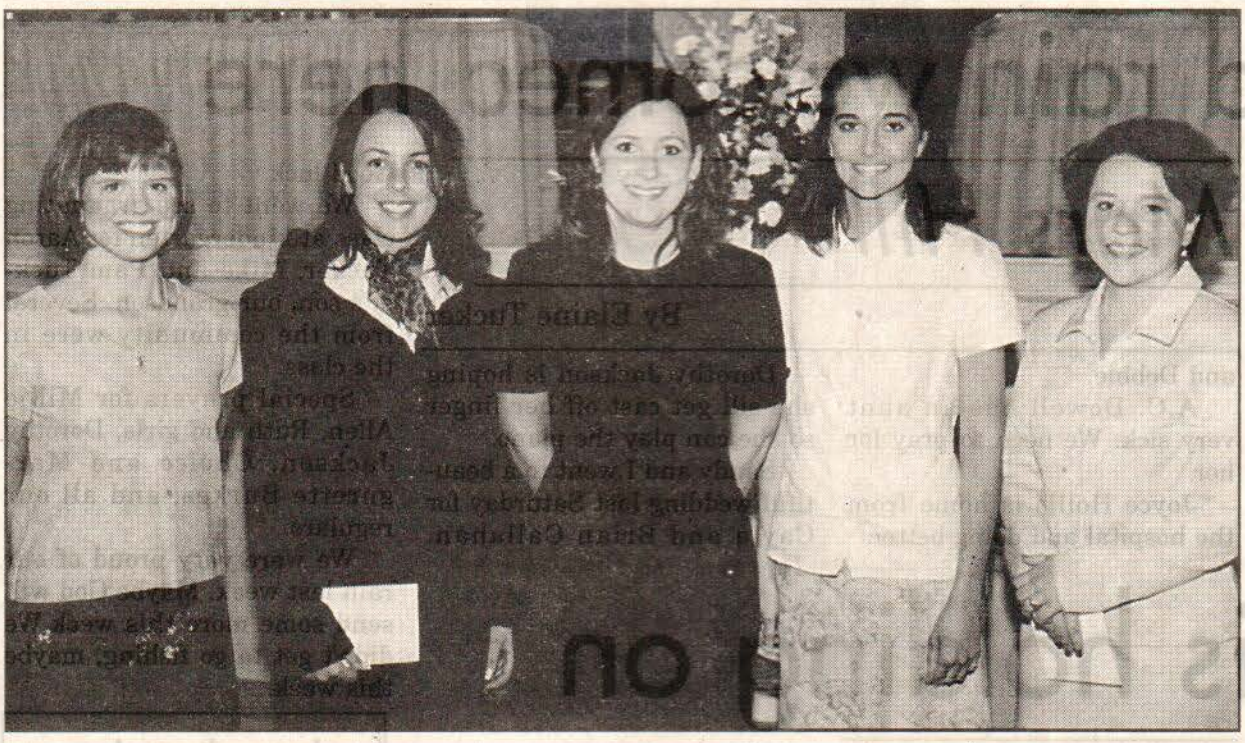
Vo-Tech 'Students of the Month'

These East Central Community College students were chosen vocational-technical Students of the Month during March. Students and their respective programs include (first row, from left) Lizanne Fowler of Meridian, computer technology; Ashaki McCoy of Lawrence, cosmetology; Betina Latiker of Carthage, drafting and design technology; and Richard Burkett of Carthage, machine shop technology; and (second row, from left) Minola Kincaid of Morton, child development technology; Michael Green of Carthage, electronic technology; Jessie Hughes, carpentry and cabinetmaking, and Kevin Murry, collision repair, both of Noxapater; and (back row, from left) Charles Waller of Carthage, welding; George Parks of Lake, automotive mechanics technology; Kevin McMahon of Union, heating and air conditioning technology; and Michael Lee Jones of Forest, electrical technology. Not pictured are Stephanie McLemore of Lake, business technology; Gwen Hickman of Louisville, licensed practical nursing; and Dana Walker of Newton, surgical technology. (EC photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-1-98



Get DSU scholarships

These East Central Community College sophomores were presented scholarships during the College's annual "Awards Day" activities to continue their education at Delta State University. Pictured are (from left) Kelly Alexander of Little Rock, Danette Brown of Carthage, DSU Admissions Counselor Lajan Palmer, Michelle Davis of Decatur, and Shelia Oliver of Little Rock.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN ✓

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-7-98

Honor Students At ECCC Named

Students named to the 1998 spring semester honor roll, including the President's List, Dean's List and Honorable Mention List, have been announced at East Central Community College in Decatur, according to Raymond McMullan, Director of Admissions, Records, and Research.

Those listed on the President's List with a 4.0 grade point average include the following from Newton County:

Deyondria June Williams, Conehatta; Emily E. Bullock, Derek Pace Burton, Marci M. Hollingsworth, Christina Pearce and Adria Rachelle Stamper, all of Decatur; Lori Challene Darsey, James Glen Hansford, Jeffrey Neil Hansford and Timothy Stanford, all of Hickory; Howard Mitchell Hancock, George Jeffrey Parks and Julie Marie Laird, all of Lake; Stephanie Nicole Bugg, Ashaki N. McCoy and Theresa Rena Walker, all of Lawrence; Theresa Danette Matlock and Pamela A. Luke, both of Little Rock; David K. Hollingsworth, Tomi Joe Mize and Patricia Lynn Moore, all of Newton; Deanna Laura Bankston, Suzanne Jones and Kevin Lamar McMahan, all of Union.

The Dean's List includes the following students with a 3.5 or above grade point average. Those named to Dean's List from Newton County are:

Darrell Scott Embrey and Crystal Pate, both of Chunky; Cody B. Fisher, Conehatta; Detra D. Carter, Leslee J. Carter, Amy Lois Dellaria, Kimberly J. Hollingsworth, Candace Shelia Oliver, Jason L. Pierce, Sonya Harris Smith, John Burel Everett and Jennifer A. Pace, all of Decatur; Stephanie Suzanne Craig, Portia Porter Evans, Marissa Lee McGee, Breck Fulkerson Pace and Kristie Latoya Temple, all of Hickory; Elizabeth Gwen Owens, Lake; Lee B. Eady and Stacey Smith Mills; both of Lawrence; Mary Suzette Crocker and Janet Leigh Harrison, both of Little Rock; Kaye Bishop Cates, Uwe Dotzauer, Jennifer Evans, Holly Hamrick, Beth A. Hurley, Jermaine Marteece Jones, Franceani Lyles, Malinda Little Melton, Heather Ashley Munn, Sonji Ann Thomas, Gregory Ray Willis, and Christina Frances Massey, all of Newton; and Lisa Marie Cleveland, Michael E. Lee, Amanda Davis Miles, Rebecca Lynn Munn, Joshua Wade Quinn, Celeste Nicole Staton, and Susan Amanda Staton, all of Union.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF June 7, 1998

Paula Merritt/The Meridian Star

WINNING MOMENT — Bobby Hiatt of Livingston, Ala., forefront, clutches his first-place trophy as the overall winner of the Jimmie Rodgers Talent Competition. Shawn Houser, second place, and Donnie Massey and Christy McMahan, third, with their trophies

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR ✓

WEEK OF 6-8-98

ECCC pinning ceremony held

East Central Community College in Decatur recently held pinning ceremonies for the College's Associate Degree Nursing graduates. Those receiving pins included (first row, from left) Melissa Hawkins of Raleigh, Marie Williams of Conehatta, Randy Howell of Philadelphia, Phyliss Armstrong of Morton, Brenda Stokes of Louisville, Mesha Merchant of Carthage, Carol Denslow of Brandon, Denise John of Philadelphia, Tambra Walker of Hickory, Lisa Dearman of Morton, and Sandra Thrash of Union; (second row, from left) Linda Gilbert of Lena, Penny Sharp and Stephanie Peebles, both of Union; Amy Wilkes of Noxapater, Toronda Wilson of Philadelphia, Catine Graham of Forest, Marilyn Reed of Forest, Stephanie Powell of Pearl, and Connie Moore of Philadelphia; and (back row, from left) Sandra Chisolm of Philadelphia, Kathy Brooks of Lena, Krystal Harrison of Newton, April Watkins of Lena, Nikki Bateman of Louisville, Amanda Garrison of Decatur, Michelle Macoy of Jackson, Donna Tubby of Carthage, Lisa Beeland of Philadelphia, and Troye Lynn Bradshaw of Morton. Nancy Harris serves as Director of the Associate Degree Nursing Program. For more information contact Harris at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 294, or toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-8-98

MSU scholarship recipients

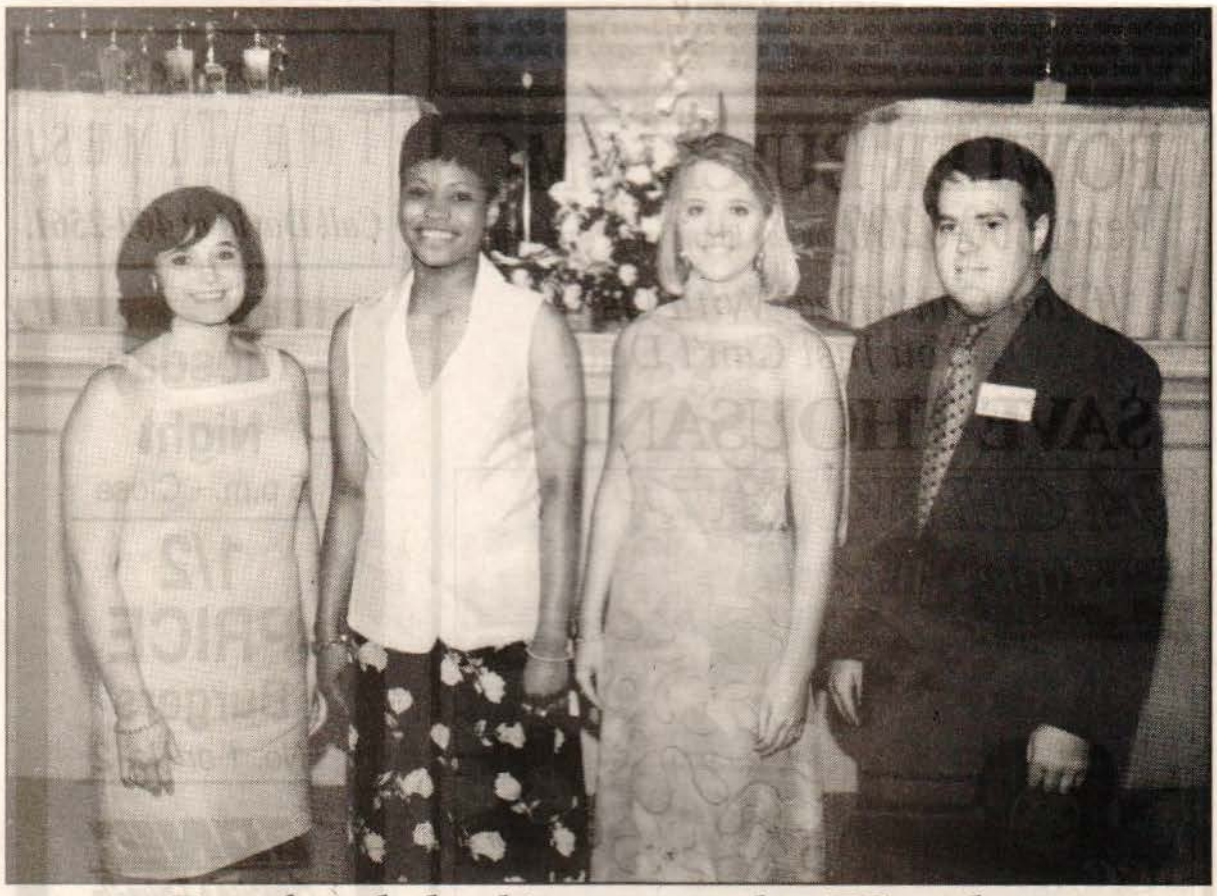
These East Central Community College sophomores received transfer scholarships to continue their education at Mississippi State University. Pictured are (seated, from left) Janet Harrison of Little Rock, Rhonda Alewine of Louisville, Crystal Lewis and Natalie Smith, both of Philadelphia; Ashlea Renfroe of Morton, Adria Stamper of Decatur, Solphia Sanders of Carthage, and Deanna Bankston of Union; and (standing, from left) Krisan Risher of Sebastopol, Christopher Stewart and Jason Wade, both of Carthage; Donnie Atkinson of Philadelphia, Brian Shaw of Forest, Zachary Sanders of Philadelphia, Justin Miles of Nanih Waiya, and John Dickerson, MSU Associate Director of Enrollment Services.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN ✓
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-8-98



Transfer scholarships presented to EC students

East Central Community College sophomores (from left) Paula Crawford of Philadelphia, Kamonica Craig of Louisville, and Amy Gomillion of Walnut Grove, received transfer scholarships to continue their education at the University of Mississippi. At right is Jody Lowe, UM Admissions Counselor, who presented the scholarships during East Central's annual "Awards Day" activities.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-8-98

White, Moore receive scholarships

Mrs. Lanette Hannah, a representative of East Central Community College, presented scholarships to Samantha White (Valedictorian) and Shirley Moore (Salutatorian) in the amount of $4,000 and $2,000, respectively, at the 1998 Awards Night of Morton Christian Academy. Other students receiving scholarships were: Pam DePriest, Leslie Ivy, Duncan Beard, and Kane Guilbeau. Morton Christian Academy is a ministry of the First United Pentecostal Church, pastored by Rev. Ricky Watkins.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-8-98

Students receive scholarships

These East Central Community College sophomores received transfer scholarships to continue their education at the University of Southern Mississippi. Pictured are (seated, from left) Gaydon Richardson of Louisville, Angie England of Kosciusko, Sherie Bradford of Forest, and Emily Bullock and Detra Carter, both of Decatur; and (standing, from left) Rhett Rivers of Union, Chris Haralson of Forest, Dan Gressett of Lake, David Jones of Walnut Grove and Greg Pierce, USM Associate Director of Admissions. Not pictured is Michelle Lee of Decatur.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF: 6-8-98

Nursing students receive honors

These East Central Community College Licensed Practical Nursing students recently received honors at the State HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) Convention held in Tupelo. Pictured are (first row, from left) Kim Burton of Union, fourth place, creative problem solving team who also scored above 70 percent on the National Healthcare Issues Exam; Brenda Holder of Newton, third place, nutrition knowledge test and third place, creative problem solving team; Jennifer Covington of Philadelphia, fourth place, creative problem solving team and fourth place, pathophysiology knowledge test; Carrie Perkins of Walnut Grove, recognized for scoring above 70 percent of the National Healthcare Issues Exam; Stephanie Spangler of Little Rock, also recognized for scoring above 70 percent on the National Healthcare Issues Exam; and Gwen Hickman of Louisville, first place, job seeking skills; (back row, from left) Brad McNair of Union, fifth place, pathophysiology knowledge test; LuAnn Gould of Morton, second place, extemporaneous speaking who also scored above 70 percent on the National Healthcare Issues Exam; Becky Henderson of Forest, fourth place, creative problem solving team and second place, medical lab assisting; Maria Stewart of Carthage, third place, creative problem solving team; Lindy Pace of Newton, first place, nutrition knowledge test and third place, creative problem solving team; Brenda Apperson of Philadelphia, third place, extemporaneous writing, fifth place, gerontology knowledge test, and also recognized for scoring above 70 percent on the National Healthcare Issues Exam; and Linda Tucker of Philadelphia, third place, creative problem solving team and second place, nutrition knowledge test. Not pictured is Mae Manus of Louisville who scored above 70 percent on the National Healthcare Issues Exam. All first, second and third place winners, as well as those scoring above 70 percent on the National Healthcare Issues Exam, are eligible to compete at the National HOSA Conference June 23-27 in Orlando, Florida.

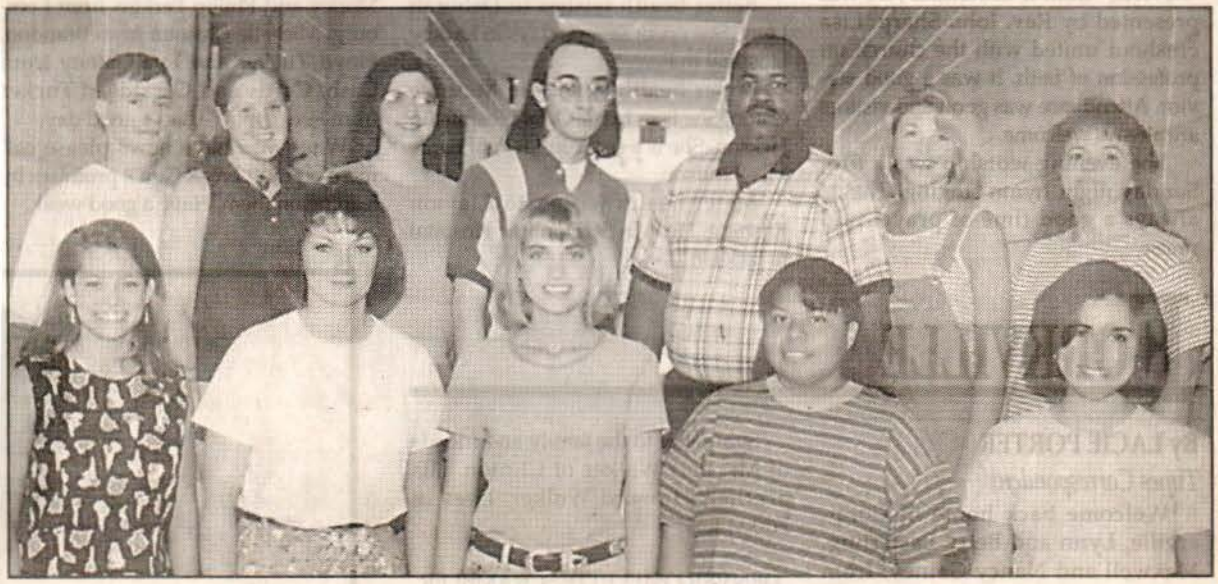
APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-8-98

Receive EC awards

These East Central Community College students received honors at the College's annual "Awards Day" program held recently on the Decatur campus. Honorees include (seated, from left) Brian Hardy of Philadelphia, citizenship; Deanna Bankston of Union, The Tom Tom, Dr. L.B. Simmons History, and secondary education; Brook Griffith of Hickory, We-He-Lo' Vanessa Sanders of Anchorage, Alaska, Wo-He-Lo; Emily Bullock of Decatur, ECCC Players; Mike Donovan of Stonewall, ECCC Singers; and (standing, from left) Shella Oliver of Little Rock, ECCC Singers; Elijah Ben of Philadelphia, Philadelphia-Neshoba County Arts Council; Ken Thrash of Union, Ruth Carr-Vincent Award for Academic Excellence in Non-Traditional Education; Sissy Wilkerson of Morton, mathematics; Kenneth McMillon of Carthage, S. Lebrun Hutchinson; and Philip Smith of Philadelphia, Dr. Margaret Mosel LeadershiP.



Inducted into Mu Alpha Theta

These students were recently inducted into the East Central Community College chapter of Mu Alpha Theta, an organization which seeks to develop sound scholarship in mathematics. Pictured are (first row, from left) Danna Dye of Morton, Rebecca Sikes of Carthage; Laura Faulk of Louisville, Rachel Willis of Conehatta, and Lisa Chesney of Union; and (back row, from left) Harley Hollingsworth of Carthage, Vanessa Sanders of Anchorage, Alaska; Jodi Stribling of Carthage, Josh Bryan and Loresnzo Griffin, both of Philadelphia; Candi Butler of Morton and Anita Moss of Carthage. (EC photo)

APPEARED
LAKE MESS
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF 6-8-98

Named to EC Hall of Fame

These East Central Community College sophomores were recently inducted into the College's Hall of Fame, the highest honor a student can achieve at ECCC. Honorees include (seated, from left) Amy Gomillion of Walnut Grove and Deanna Bankston of Union; and (standing, from left) Brian Shaw of Forest, Emily Bullock of Decatur, Krisan Risher of Sebastopol, and Zachary Sanders of Philadelphia.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-8-98

Receive EC honors

Several East Central Community College students received honors at the College's annual "Awards Day" program held recently on the Decatur campus. Honorees in the technical division include (seated, from left) D'Arcy Stowers, Forest, collision repair technology; Michael Joiner of Louisville, automotive technology; Regena McCraw of Sebastopol, computer technology; and Ryan Gilmer of Philadelphia, electrical technology; and (standing, from left) Jennifer McDaniel, electronic technology; Michael Lee, heating and air conditioning technology, and Trent Ridout, machine shop technology, all of Union; Harley Hollingsworth of Carthage, O.L. Newell Drafting and "Technical Student of the Year"; and Melissa Brand of Decatur, surgical technology. Not pictured is Lori Ferguson of Little Rock, child development technology.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER _____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL _____

CLARION-LEDGER _____

CARTHAGINIAN _____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT _____

NEWTON RECORD _____

MERIDIAN STAR _____

omillion, Risher, Shaw inducted into EC 'Hall of F

entral Community College bserved its annual "Awards gram on the Decatur campus. s students were honored, six who were inducted into e's Hall of Fame, the highest udent can achieve at ECCC. sidered for this honor, "stu- st demonstrate exemplary superior scholarship, worthy and contribute to the better- st Central Community Col- rding to Dr. Eddie M. Smith, sident.

nts of this prestigious honor include Deanna Bankston of ily Bullock of Decatur, Amy of Walnut Grove, Krisan ebastopol, Zachary Sanders of ia, and Brian Shaw of Forest.

ion is the daughter of Don Comillion of Walnut Grove. nt Body President, vice pres- lu Alpha Theta, and an All- Scholar. Comillion is also a the fashion squad, Wesley , Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, and torial Club.

es as vice president of schol- Phi Theta Kappa and is a the Warrior Corps. She is a irl and was a cast member in Players' production of

tion, Comillion was selected pient of the 1997 Frank M. man Chemistry Award, the Eubanks Kaljyc Peers Leader- , and a 1997 National Colle- nt Government award. She ed as a beauty in the 1998 ty Review and was included Who Among Students in Community/Junior Col- ell as being an All-USA Academic Team member.

One who nominated her wrote, "Amy is a superior student who has served in many roles at East Central. She deserves Hall of Fame recognition." The pre-pharmacy major has maintained a 4.0 grade point average at East Central.

Risher is the daughter of Shot and Tam Risher of Sebastopol. She has maintained a 4.0 grade point average in accounting while at East Central. In addition, she has been very active in extracurricular activities. She serves as president of Mu Alpha Theta and Students in Free Enterprise and treasurer of the Student Body Association.

She is a member of Phi Beta Lambda, the Peer Tutorial Club, and the Fashion Squad. In addition, she is vice president of fellowship for Phi Theta Kappa and is a member of the Warrior Corps. Risher was selected a Homecoming Maid her sophomore year and was selected a beauty in the annual Beauty Review her freshman and sophomore years.

She was also selected for inclusion in "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior/Community Colleges". One of those nominating Risher for this honor wrote, "Krisan represents all the qualities of a Hall of Fame member at East Central community College. While maintaining a 4.0 grade point average, she is heavily involved in extracurricular activities and has represented East Central well in many events. Her sweet and sincere character along with her positive attitude makes her the type of student East Central can be proud of."

Shaw is the son of Royce and Maggie Shaw of Forest. He is president of Alpha Alpha Epsilon and Phi Theta Kappa. He was also selected as Mississippi/Louisiana Regional Secretary for Phi Theta Kappa. In addition, he is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, the Peer Tutorial Club and the Warrior Corps.

Shaw also plays on the East Central men's tennis team and is active in intramural sports on campus. He was named the recipient of the R.O. and Bertha Harnah Scholarship and the J. Andy Miller Freshman Engineering Award. In addition, he received a National Collegiate Engineering Award and was named to the honorable mention Mississippi All State Academic Team.

A President's List scholar, Shaw was selected for inclusion in "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior/Community Colleges" and is very active in the Students in Free Enterprise organization. He has maintained a 3.92 GPA in engineering while attending East Central.

One of his nominators wrote, "Brian is an outstanding computer engineering major with an inquiring mind and a desire to learn. He has a positive attitude and is a very responsible, mature young man."

Photographs of these students will hang in the Hall of Fame collection in the lobby of Huff Auditorium.

Students receiving vocational awards included Gary Langley of Collinsville, cabinetmaking; Christopher Thompson of Forest, carpentry; Dorothy Holdiness, cosmetology, and Michael Hathorn, welding, both of Louisville; and Kimberly Burton of Union, licensed practical nursing and "Vocational Student of the Year."

Technical award recipients include D'Arcy Stowers of Forest, collision repair technology; Michael Joiner of Louisville, automotive technology; Lee Ferguson of Little Rock, child development technology; Regena McCraw of Sebastopol, computer technology; Ryan Gilmer of Philadelphia, electrical technology; Jennifer McDaniel, electronics technology, Michael Lee, heating and air conditioning technology, and Trent Ridout, machine shop, all of Union; Melissa Brand of Decatur, surgical technology; and Harley Hollingsworth of Carthage, O. L. Newell Drafting and "Technical Student of the Year."

Twenty-six students received special awards. Recipients included Brian Hardy, citizenship; Philip Smith, Dr. Margaret Mosel Leadership; Rhonda Fox, Mississippi Business Education Association Student; Elijah Ben, Philadelphia-Neshoba County Arts Council Scholarship; Zachary Sanders, Walter Arno Vincent Award for Academic Excellence in Athletics; and Denise Willis, Associate Degree Nursing Outstanding Achievement First Year, all of Philadelphia; Deanna Bankston, "Tom-Tom" and secondary education; Ken Thrash, Ruth Carr-Vincent Award for Academic Excellence in Non-Traditional Education and Amanda Miles, Kappa Kappa Iota, all of Union; Brook Griffith of Hickory, Wo-He-Lo; Emily Bullock, ECCC Players, and Adria Stamper, Delta Kappa Gamma, both of Decatur; Shelia Oliver of Little Rock, ECCC Singers; Vanessa Sanders of Anchorage, Alaska, Wo-He-Lo; Mike Donovan of Stonewall, ECCC Singers; Melissa Bennett of Louisville, ECCC Gospel Choir; Alex Gill of Walnut Grove, ECCC Gospel Choir; Marcus Jones and LeVar Robinson, ECCC Gospel Choir, and Sissy Wilkerson, Mathematics, all of Morton; Kenneth D. McMillon of Carthage, S. Lebrun Hutchison; Melissa Hawkins of Raleigh, ADN Outstanding Achievement Second Year; Christopher Haralson of Forest, Homer F. Hunter Award for Athletic Managers; Danielle Johnson of Helena, Georgia, Anthony Coleman Men's Basketball; and Mitzi Nicholson of Conehatta, Spanish.

Students receiving Alumni Memorial Awards included Ron Perkins, Billy Wayne Baucum Secondary Education; Laura Ming, Leon Eubanks Kalic-Peers; and Kamonica Craig, Earline Wood Women's Basketball, all of Louisville; Janet Harrison of Little Rock, Opal McMullan Dickinson Elementary Education; Brian Shaw, W.A. Coursey Jr. Engineering and Jack B. Mayo Phi Theta Kappa; and Joey Pinkston, Andrew F. Webb Football, both of Forest; Justin Miles of Nanih Waiya, Danny R. Killens Engineering; Barbara Brown of Meridian, Sara Carr Deaton Business Technology; Amy Gomillion of Walnut Grove, Jack B. Mayo Phi Theta Kappa; Brooke Knight of Decatur, Sue Yarbrough Fulgham Speech; Deric Thompson of Newton, William S. Giffin Men's Intramural; Leslie Nelson, Dr. Edwin Miller Medical Services, and Deanna Bankston, Alatha Chaney English Award, both of Union; and Ray Waddell of Philadelphia, Howard Sessums Basketball.

Faculty memorial awards were given to seven students. They included Rhett Rivers, J. Wallace Bedwell Business, and Cody Fisher, J. Andy Miller Freshman Engineering, both of Union; Donnie Fletcher, Frank M. Cross Freshman Chemistry, and Betina Latiker, General William Patrick Wilson General Academic, both of Carthage; Josh Bamberg of Decatur, Robert G. Fick Memorial; Lori Darsey of Hickory, Frank Edwin and Nena Holt Leatherwood Biology Science; and Julie Laird of Lake, Charles E. Pennington Business Technology.

Emily Bullock of Decatur received the University of Southern Mississippi Eddie M. Smith Presidential Scholarship and TaRita Williamson of Philadelphia received a Leadership Scholarship to attend Mississippi University for Women.

The University of Southern Mississippi presented Leadership scholarships to eleven ECCC sophomores. They included Emily Bullock, Detra Carter and Michelle Lee, all of Decatur; Dan Gressett of Lake, Sherie Bradford and Chris Haralson, both of Forest; Gaydon Richardson of Louisville, David Jones of Walnut Grove, Richard Blackburn of Lawrence, and Angie England of Kosciusko.

Recipients of Leadership scholar- ships to attend Mi sity include Rhon Hailey, both of Lo son, Crystal Lew Zachary Sanders Deanna Banksto both of Union; Leslie Swindle, bo Harrison, Little Nanih Waiya; R Sanders, Christop Wade, all of Cart Morton; Krisan Ri Shaw, Forest; a Decatur.

Delta State U Leadership sch Alexander and Sh tle Rock; Jason A both of Philadelp Michelle Davis, b Brown of Cartha Morton.

Paula Crawf Amy Gomillion Kamonica Craig Leadership scho University of Mis

WEEK OF 6-15-96

East Central Orientation June 20

A second orientation session for students planning to attend East Central Community College this fall will be held Saturday, June 20 on the Decatur campus, announced Dean of Students Randall E. Lee. Registration activities begin at 8 a.m. in Huff Auditorium.

Lee said the College's orientation program is designed to inform students about the academic process and familiarize them with the ECCC campus. In addition, participants will have an opportunity to learn of the wide variety of academic, social and personal opportunities available at East Central.

To complete the advance registration process, Lee said students should have the following information on file in the Office of Admissions, Records and Research: (1) application for admission; (2) ACT scores (academic/technical students only; does not apply to vocational students); (3) high school transcript, and (4) college transcripts (for transfer students).

The only cost to attend orientation is a $50 registration fee which is applied toward costs to attend the fall semester.

Lunch is provided at no charge in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

Parents are also encouraged to attend the orientation program and join students for a complimentary meal.

Additional orientation sessions are scheduled Thursday, July 2; Wednesday, July 15; and Saturday, August 8.

For more information contact the Dean of Students' Office, ECCC, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 204.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL ✓
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-15-98

ECCC Scholarship Recipient.....

East Central Community College sophomore Charles Lightsey (center) of Union was recently presented a $1000 scholarship provided by ECCC alumna Tracey Reid Hitt Greenberg and Dr. Jerome H. Greenberg of Winchester, Virginia, in memory of her parents, Annie Reid Hitt and Tracy L. Hitt who resided in Neshoba County. A Neshoba Central High School graduate, Lightsey is the son of John and Carolyn Lightsey of the Linwood Community. ECCC President Dr. Eddie M. Smith (right) is shown making the check presentation. (EC Photo)

Child Care Workshop set June 19 at EC

The East Central Community College Small Business Development Center will offer a free workshop, "Child Care Management: Activities for Infants," Friday, June 19, from 9 a. m. to 12 noon in the Associate Degree Nursing/Child Care Technology Building on the Decatur campus. Participants will receive 3 credit hours.

Featured speakers include Diane Herring, Director of the Child Care Facility Licensing Branch, and Kathy George, EC Child Care Facility Director.

For more information or to register, contact SBDC Director Ronald B. Westbrook at 635-2111, ext. 297, or Virgie Thames, ext. 296.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL ✓
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-22-98

Area students attend EC orientation

Numerous students from Scott County were among participants in the first annual Honors Orientation program held June 11 at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Students invited to attend the special session included those who scored 24 or above on the ACT (American College Test), valedictorians, salutatorians, STAR students, Beta Club members and other recipients of high school honors.

During orientation, students advance register for fall classes and learn of the wide variety of academic, social and personal opportunities available on the Decatur campus. Fall day classes begin Monday, August 17.

Attending the Honors Orientation from Scott County were Courtney Cooper, Kunta Ford, Donald Harrell, Tesa Henry, Tracy Latham, Charlie Noel, Angela Rushing, Lance Sigrest and D'Myrtis Watkins, all of Forest; Justin Sharp, Harperville; Jeffrey Gladney, Benjamin Martin, Kendra Morgan and Jana Nester, all of Lake; Shena Calhoun, Ludlow; and LaWanda Ealy, Karen Johnson, Crystal Martin, Matthew McCurdy, Shirley Moore, Terry Nutt, Jonathan Nutt, Stephen Pace and Paul Smith, all of Morton.

Additional orientation sessions are scheduled Saturday, June 20; Thursday, July 2; Wednesday, July 15; and Saturday, August 8.

For more information contact the Dean of Students Office, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext. 204, or call toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 204.

Nutt is Bank of Morton scholarship recipient

Jonathan Nutt, a 1998 graduate of Morton High School, is the recipient of the first annual Bank of Morton Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from Ray Riley, Bank of Morton senior vice president.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-22-98

Attend EC orientation

East Central Community College English instructor Virginia Pace is shown assisting Lake High School graduates Jana Nester (left) and Erin Gressett with their fall semester class schedules during Honors Orientation activities held Thursday, June 11, on the Decatur campus. In addition to advance registration, students who attend orientation also learn of the many academic, social and personal opportunities available at East Central Additional sessions will be held Thursday, July 2, and Saturday, August 8 Fall day classes begin Monday, August 17. For more information contac the Dean of Students' Office, ECCC, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext 204, or toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-22-98

ECCC scholarship recipient

East Central Community College sophomore Charles Lightsey (center) of Union was recently presently a $1,000 scholarship provided by ECCC alumna Tracy Reid Hitt Greenberg and Dr. Jerome H. Greenberg of Winchester, Virginia, in memory of her parents, Annie Reid Hitt and Tracy L. Hitt who resided in Neshoba County. A Neshoba Central High School graduate, Lightsey is the son of John and Carolyn Lightsey of the Linwood community. ECCC President Dr. Eddie M. Smith (right) is shown making the check presentation as Larry Hogue, director of development and alumni relations, look on.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ✓
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-22-98

UP, CB Banks fun EC schoalships.....

Receives Union Planters Scholarship..... Kyle Watson, a 1998 graduate of Neshoba Central High School, is a recipient of a Union Planters Bank Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from Kenneth Jones, president of the banking system's Decatur branch and Leon Harris, Newton branch president. Also pictured are the award recipient's parents, Sheila and Hanna Watson of Philadelphia. Union Planters Bank provides annual scholarships to selected recipients from throughout the College's five-county district. The presentations were made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the ECCC campus. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL ✓
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-22-98

Receives Citizens Bank Scholarship..... Hollie Hopper, a 1998 graduate of Sebastopol High School, is this year's recipient of the Citizens Bank of Philadelphia Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from bank officials Jackie Hester (second from left) and Erdis Chaney. Also pictured are the scholarship recipient's parents, Melinda Cater and David Hopper. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the ECCC campus. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL ✓
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-22-98

Cooper is scholarship recipient

Courtney Cooper, a 1998 graduate of Forest High School, is a recipient of a Union Planters Bank Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from Kenneth Jones, president of the banking system's Decatur branch and Leon Harris, Newton branch president. Also pictured is the award recipient's mother, Gwen Cooper of Forest. Union Planters Bank provides annual scholarships to selected recipients from throughout the College's five-county district. The presentations were made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the ECCC campus.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

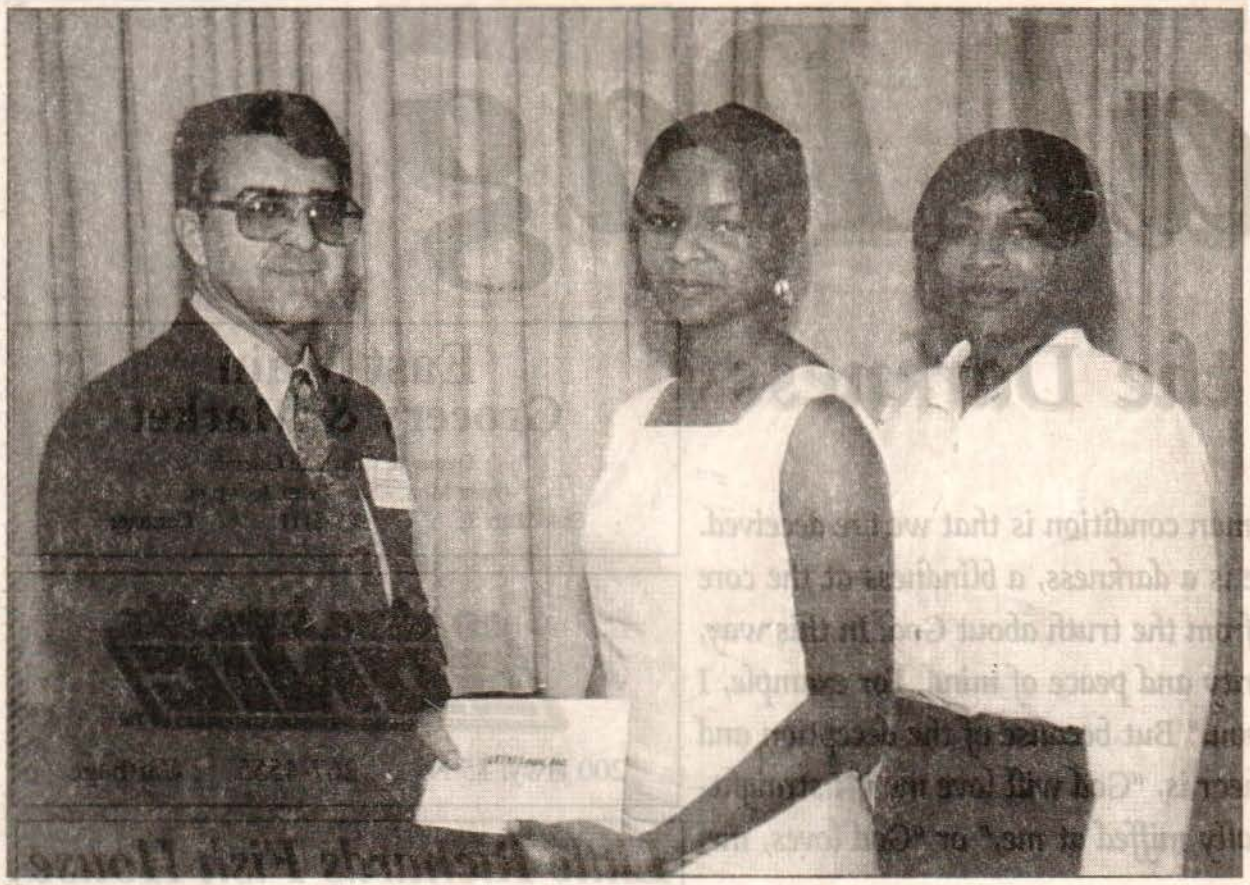
CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-22-98



Atco recipient

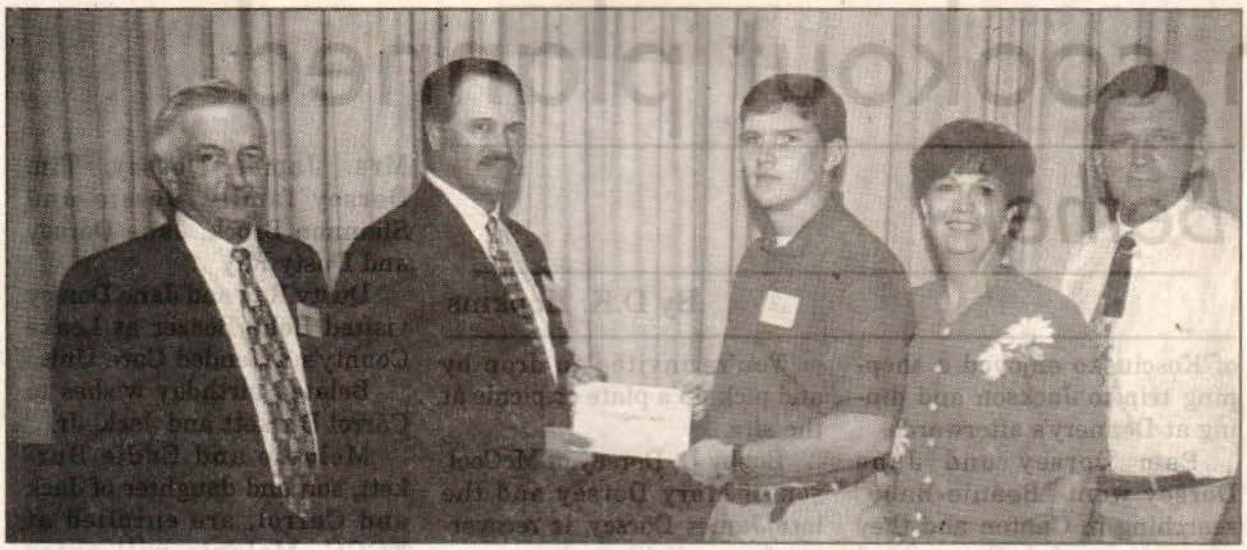
Alicia Sanders, (center) a 1998 graduate of South Leake High School, is the recipient of the ATCO Loan, Inc. Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. Shown making the presentation is company president James McRae of Carthage. At right is the award recipient's mother, Geraldine Sanders. The scholarship is presented each year to an outstanding graduate of South Leake High School. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the ECCC campus.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN ✓
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-22-98



Edwards gets scholarship

Cliff Edwards, a 1998 graduate of Carthage High School, is a recipient of a Union Planters Bank Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from Leon Harris, president of the banking system's Newton branch and Kenneth Jones, Decatur branch president. Also pictured are the award recipient's parents, Nancy and Glynn Edwards. Union Planters Bank provides annual scholarships to selected recipients from throughout the College's five-county district. The presentations were made at the College's annual Scholarship Award Luncheon held on the ECCC campus.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN ✓

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-29-98

Scott County students participate in EC Honors Orientation June 11

Numerous students from Scott County were among participants in the first annual Honors Orientation program held June 11 at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Attending the Honors Orientation from Scott County were Courtney Cooper, Kunta Ford, Donald Harrell, Tesa Henry, Tracy Latham, Charlie Noel, Angela Rushing, Lance Sigrest and D'Myrtis Watkins, all of Forest; Justin Sharp, Harperville; Jeffrey Gladney, Benjamin Martin, Kendra Morgan and Jana Nester, all of Lake; Shena Calhoun, Ludlow; and LaWanda Ealy, Karen Johnson, Crystal Martin, Matthew McCurdy, Shirley Moore, Terry Nutt, Jonathan Nutt, Stephen Pace and Paul Smith, all of Morton.

Additional orientation sessions are scheduled Saturday, June 20; Thursday, July 2; Wednesday, July 15; and Saturday, August 8.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-29-98

EC orientation set July 2

A third orientation session for students planning to attend East Central Community College this fall will be held Thursday, July 2, on the Decatur campus, announced Randall E. Lee, dean of students. Registration begins at 8 a.m. in the Vickers Fine Arts Center.

Lee said the College's orientation program is designed to inform students about the academic process and familiarize them with the College campus. In addition, students will be able to advance register for fall classes and learn of the wide variety of academic, social and personal opportunities available at East Central.

To complete an orientation session, students should have the following information on file in the Office of Admissions, Records and Research: (1) application for admission; (2) ACT scores (for academic and technical students only - not applicable to vocational students); (3) high school transcript; and (4) college transcript(s) for transfer students.

The only cost to attend orientation is $50 which is applied toward fees for the fall term. (For students who have documented financial aid, the %40 fee is waived.) Students are encouraged to pay all fees before August 10; otherwise they will be required to attend the final fall registration on August 14.

Parents are also encouraged to attend the orientation program and join students for a complimentary lunch in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

Additional orientation sessions will be held Wednesday, July 15; and Saturday, August 8.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN____✓_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-29-98

RECEIVES UNION PLANTERS SCHOLARSHIP - Jennifer Savell, a 1998 graduate of Newton County High School, is a recipient of a Union Planters Bank Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from Leon Harris, president of the banking system's Newton branch. Also pictured is Kenneth Jones, Decatur branch president, and Lynn Savell, the award recipient's mother. Union Planters Bank provides annual scholarships to selected recipients from throughout the College's five-county district. The presentations were made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the ECCC campus. (EC photo)

FUN WITH COMPUTERS - Five Newton County youngsters participated in "Fun with Computers," an entertaining and educational computer class held at East Central Community College in Decatur. The class was held as part of the eleventh annual Kids' College. Participants from left: Kyle Killens, Tyler Yates, Chris Thames, Joseph Freeman and Terry Martin, Jr. Sue Kelly served as instructor.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

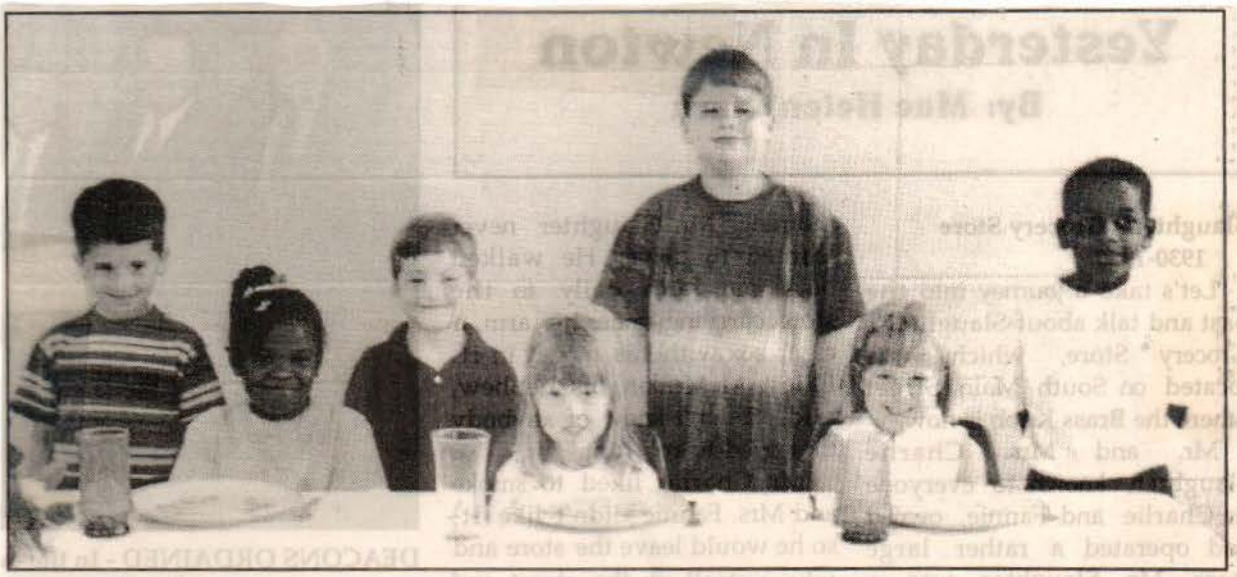
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD ✓

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-29-98

RECEIVES PACE SCHOLARSHIP - Newton County Academy graduate Allen Wilson is the 1998 recipient of the Polk and Jennie Pace Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from family representatives Reba Pace DeBari and her husband, Gerald DeBari. Also pictured are the scholarship recipient's parents, Deborah and David Wilson. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur Campus. Mr. and Mrs. DeBaris recently added a $500 contribution to the endowment corpus. (EC photo)



ATTEND ECCC KIDS' COLLEGE - These youngsters recently attended a "Manners & Etiquette " class held at East Central Community College in Decatur. The class was held as part of the eleventh annual Kids' College. Participants included, seated from left, Kelsey Windham, Shelby Doral and Ariel Doran, all of Decatur; and standing from left: Joseph Freeman, Tyler Yates, Kyle Killens and Chris Thames, all of Decatur. Ed psychology instructor Alice Pouncey served as instructor.

APPEAR
LAKE MI
SCOTT C
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF 6-29-98

RECEIVES LA-Z-BOY SCHOLARSHIP - Newton High School graduate Kristen Mills is a 1998 recipient of the La-Z-Boy South Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from company officials Cyndi Robinson, Chris Harris and Earl Bryan. Also pictured are the scholarship recipient's parents, Rebecca and Joseph Mills. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-29-98

LA-Z-BOY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT- Union High School graduate Jennifer Harrison is a 1998 recipient of the La-Z-Boy South Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from company officials Cindi Robinson, Chris Harris and Earl Bryan. Also pictured are the scholarship recipient's parents, Marie and Danny Harrison. the presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD ✓

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-29-98

Receives Supervisors' Scholarship.... Bridgett Hines, a 1998 graduate of Newton County High School, is this year's recipient of the Mississippi Association of Supervisors Scholarship for Newton County to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from Newton County Board of Supervisors President Charles Moulds. Also participating in the presentation are supervisors (from left) Jimmy Johnson, Bubba Bonds, Walter Gardner and Dale Alexander. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL ✓
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-29-98

Receives Union Planters Scholarship.....Jennifer Savell, a 1998 graduate of Newton County High School, is a recipient of a Union Planters Bank Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from Leon Harris, president of the banking system's Newton branch. Also pictured Kenneth Jones, Decatur branch president, and Lynn Savell, the award recipient's mother. Union Planters Bank provides annual scholarships to selected recipients from throughout the College's five-county district. The presentations was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the ECCC campus. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL ✓
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-29-98

Bank scholarship winner

Kelly Burkes, a 1998 graduate of Leake Academy, is this year's recipient of The Carthage Bank Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from Randall E. Lee, ECCC Dean of Students. Also pictured are the scholarship recipient's parents, Frosty and Frank Burkes. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the East Central campus.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN ✓

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 1-29-98

Jenkins is recipient of Carr Scholarship

Forest High School graduate Alicia Jenkins is the 1998 recipient of the Mable Moore Carr Educational Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from Mrs. Carr, in whose name the annual scholarship was endowed in 1996 by her four sons - Charles, Jimmy, Tom and Hugh - all of whom attended community or junior colleges. Also pictured is the scholarship recipient's mother, Allie Jenkins. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus.

Madden is Breazeale Scholarship recipient

Sebastopol High School graduate Brent Madden is the 1998 recipient of the Paul V. and Voncile H. Breazeale Ministerial Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from Larry Hogue, ECCC Director of Development and Alumni Relations. Also pictured is the scholarship recipient's mother, Carol Madden. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the East Central Campus.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-29-98

Bates is Bank of Forest scholarship recipient

Cynthia Bates, a 1998 graduate of Forest High School, was recently presented the annual Bank of Forest Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from Gene Walker, Bank CEO. Also pictured are the scholarship recipient's parents, Alma and George Bates. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-29-98

HARRISON SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT - Saysa Champion, a 1998 graduate of Newton County High School, is a recipient of the Harrison Memorial Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from the Rev. Byron Howell, pastor of Beulah Church in Little Rock. Also pictured is the scholarship recipient's mother, Becky Champion. Established in 1994 by church members and Ricky and Janean Harrison, the scholarship is named in honor of the Harrison children - Crystal and C. J. Harrison. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus. (EC photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-29-98

Receives Harrison Scholarship..... Newton County High School graduate Rebecca McDill is a 1998 recipient of the Harrison Memorial Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from the Rev. Byron Howell, pastor of Beulah Church in Little Rock. Established in 1994 by church members and Ricky and Janean Harrison, the scholarship is named in honor of the Harrison children - Crystal and C. J. Harrison - who were killed in a tragic auto accident. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL ✓
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-29-98

Emily Boggan, Natalie Boggan, with her brother, Harold and Mrs. Earl Neal.

Learning About Computers.....These students participated in "Fun With Computers," an entertaining and educational computer class held at the Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vocational Technical Center. The class was held as part of East Central Community College's eleventh annual Kids' College. Participants included (seated, from left) Lindsey Bishop of Sebastopol, Robyn Fanning of Philadelphia, Anna Harrison of West Lauderdale, Lolita Moore of Philadelphia, Tori Spears of Neshoba Central and Lacey Gilmore of Newton County; and (standing, from left) Mariah Morgan of Philadelphia, Karen Smith and Andrea Rash, both of Union; Kathryn Nalley of Philadelphia, Josh Graham of Neshoba Central and Richard McKay of Philadelphia. Pam Thrash served as instructor. For more information contact Gene Davis, Director of Adult and Continuing Education, ECCC, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 279, or toll free 1-877-462-3222. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL ✓
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-29-98

THREE GENERATIONS RECEIVE DEGREES - Commencement exercises were "three times" as special for the above East Central Community College graduates who represent three generations of learning! From left are Mary Everett of Decatur; her son, John Everett, also of Decatur; and Mrs. Everett's granddaughter, Catherine Kathea Andrews of Bolton, who all received degrees at the College's commencement program held on the Decatur campus. Mrs. Everett received a business administration degree while her son completed the electrical technology and computer servicing technology programs. Andrews received a liberal arts degree. John Everett plans to return to ECCC this fall and pursue a degree in heating and air conditioning technology while Andrews will major in public relations at Mississippi University for Women. Mrs. Everett plans to continue her teaching career at ECCC where she is employed as electrical technology instructor. (EC photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-29-98

VICKERS HONORED - Carol Vickers of Decatur was named ABE/GED Teacher of the Year/Southern Region at the annual Mississippi Association of Adult and Community Education (MAACE) Conference recently held in Vicksburg. Mrs. Vickers is shown receiving the award for MAACE President William Ward of Northwest Mississippi Community College. Also pictured are Dr. Olon Ray, left, executive director, State Board of Community and Junior Colleges; and Gene Davis, ECCC Director of Adult and Continuing Education and past president of MAACE. Mrs. Vickers has served as an Adult Basic Education instructor at East Central since 1987. She was previously employed at the College as an English instructor and yearbook sponsor. (EC photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 7-6-98

Receives Thomas scholarship

Philadelphia High School graduate Wesley Cooper Rounsaville is the 1998 recipient of the Charles and Judy Thomas Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the annual award from Mr. and Mrs. Thomas (at left) who reside in Louisville. Also pictured are the scholarship recipient's parents, Jo Ann and Rex Rounsaville. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the ECCC campus.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ✓
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 12-21-98

ECCC STUDENTS SELECTED TO WHO'S WHO - These East Central Community College students have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders and will be recognized in the 1999 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.* Students and their respective hometowns include (front row, from left) Willie H. Perry, Louisville; Betina L. Latiker, Carthage, Kimberly J. Hollingsworth, Decatur; Donna B. Tucker, Crystal G. Gee and Roberta J. Billy, all of Carthage; Wendy Lingle, Louisville; Denise G. Willis, Collinsville; Danna M. Dye, Morton; Amber D. Woods, Laura L. Ming, Ragan D. Mitchell and Virginia K. Stokes, all of Louisville; Jennifer A. Pace, Decatur; Casey L. Lewis, Madden; Tomi J. Mize, Newton; Jeffery N. Hansford, Hickory; and Jonathan P. Mills, Philadelphia; and (second row, from left) Justin R. Long, Philadelphia; Cody B. Fisher, Conehatta; Brandi M. Duncan, Philadelphia; Celeste N. Staton, Union; Kendall D. Hoskin, Noxapater; Rebecca C. Sikes, Carthage; Laura H. Faulk, Louisville; Jessica E. Wright, Forest; Lori C. Darsey, Hickory; Amanda D. McMillan, Lake; Courtney D. Wilcher, Edinburg; Natalie D. Vowell, Louisville; Christina Pearce, Decatur; Tiffany L. Edwards, Forest; Vanessa M. Sanders, Anchorage, Alaska; and Derek P. Burton, Decatur; and (back row, from left) Jennifer Alford and Catherine I. York, both of Philadelphia; Scicile D. Wilkerson, Pulaski; Laura M. Tadlock, Lake; Misti L. Harrell, Forest; Ginger C. Moore, Noxapater; Stephanie N. Bugg, Lawrence; Brad Creel, Meridian; Marcus Ellis, Walnut Grove; Bobby J. Morrow, Josh A. Hatcher and Mark D. Fleming, all of Philadelphia; Bradford D. Walley, Forest; and Jerry L. Gressett, Carthage. Students are selected for the prestigious publication on the basis of their academic achievement, service to the community, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. They join an elite group of students from more than 1,800 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 12-21-98

SELECTED TO WHO'S WHO AT ECCC - These Newton County students who attend East Central Community College in Decatur were recently named to *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges*. Students and their respective hometowns include (first row, from left) Kimberly Hollingsworth of Decatur, Celeste Staton of Union, Lori Darsey of Hickory, Jennifer Pace of Decatur and Tomi Mize of Newton; and (back row, from left) Cody fisher of Union, Neil Hansford of Hickory and Christina Pearce and Derek Burton, both of Decatur. Students are selected for the prestigious publication on the basis of their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. They join an elite group of students from more than 1,800 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 12-14-98

Join ECCC Math Club.... New initiates of East Central Community College's Mu Alpha Theta chapter include (first row, from left) Amanda Stokes, Meridian; Laura Ming, Louisville; Penny Russell, Decatur; Donna Tucker, Carthage; and Amy Arthur, Union; (second row, from left) Kristi Moore, Carthage; Stacy Skinner and Kristi French, both of Union; Tracy Latham, Forest; and Christina Ballenger, Louisville; and (third row, from left) Craig McRae and Cliff Edwards, both of Carthage; and Allen Wilson, Newton. Mu Alpha Theta is an organization for math students. Math instructor Lois McMullan serves as sponsor. (EC

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 11-30-98

Ac'cents to perform

The Ac'cents, East Central Community College's show choir, will perform various Christmas selections on WTOK-TV on Monday, December 7. They will have three appearances between 6 a.m. and 7 a.m. on Good Morning Meridian. Members include (front row, from left) Brad Walley of Forest, Melanie Atkinson and Josh Sanders, both of Newton County; Amanda McMillan of Lake, and Jonathan Thorne and Michelle May, both of Newton County; and (back row, from left) Tripp Gaddis and Jenny Rigby, both of Forest; Amber Burks of Newton County Academy and Brandon Jones of Philadelphia. The Ac'cents are available for performances at local schools and civic clubs. For more information contact Charles Hinson, director, at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222).

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL ✓
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 11-23-98

ECCC Flag Corps members

Flag Corps members of the East Central Community College Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band for 1998-99 nclude (seated, from left) Crystal Alford, Morton; Lapaste Lemon, Carthage; Mindy White, Preston; Nickie Peden and Stacie Woodard, both of Louisville; Rebecca McNally, Philadelphia; Amy Burgin, Union; Allie Alex, Choctaw Central; and April Wallace, Forest; and (standing from left) Katrina Hyde and Angela Jayroe, both of Louisville; Brandi Parker and Mandy Burt, both of Neshoba Central; Laura Tadlock, Lake; Summer Scarborough and Roberta Billy, both of Carthage; Sissy Wilkerson, Morton; Carrie Parkes, Neshoba Central; and Christy Pearce, Newton County. Thomas W. Carson serves as director of bands and Jared Brownlee is assistant band director. The ECCC Band was recently recognized as the state's top community/junior college band according to a poll conducted by The Clarion-Ledger.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER _____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL _____
CLARION-LEDGER _____

CARTHAGINIAN _____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT _____
NEWTON RECORD _____
MERIDIAN STAR _____

WEEK OF 11-16-98

Preparing for their annual fall campus concert are members of the East Central Community College Collegians who include (seated from left) technicians Jay Smith, Decatur; Ryan Woodard, Louisville; Craig McRae, Carthage; Robert Savell, Lake; Nathan Shaw, Philadelphia; and Jason Wallace, Louisville; (second row, from left) vocalists Mark Eakes, Philadelphia; Dusty Comans, Sebastopol; Beckie Fulton, Carthage; Tori Jordan, Decatur; Ashley Byram, Sebastopol; and Nicki Peden, Louisville; and (back row, from left) bass player Jason Gaines, Decatur; lead guitarist Chas Evans, Chunky; Jeff Denson, trumpet, Morton; Susan Staton, trumpet, Union; Gabriel Velasco, drums, West Point; Matt Eakes, sax, Philadelphia; Stephen Spire, trombone, Union; and Brandi Duncan, keyboard, Philadelphia. Not pictured is Thomas W. Carson, ECCC Director of Bands. The Collegians' concert will be held at 8 p.m. Monday, Nov.23 in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Selections include hits by such artists as Barenaked Ladies, Faith Hill, Sheryl Crow and many others. Admission is free.

ECCC Collegians plan fall concert

The Collegians, East Central Community College's top 40 vocal/instrumental group, will hold their annual fall campus concert at 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23 in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus.

The popular band will perform selections by Barenaked Ladies, Faith Hill, Sheryl Crow and many other top artists. Admission is free.

Group members include Josh Sanders, Tori Jordan, Jason Gaines and Jay Smith, all of Decatur; Chas Evans, Chunky; Beckie Fulton and Craig McRae, both of Carthage; Nicki Peden, Jason Wallace and Ryan Woodard, all of Louisville;

Ashley Byram and Dusty Comans, both of Sebastopol; Mark Eakes, Matt Eakes, Brandi Duncan and Nathan Shaw, all of Philadelphia; Jeff Denson, Morton; Susan Staton and Stephen Spire, both of Union; Robert Savell, Lake; and Gabriel Velasco, West Point. The popular musicians are under the direction of Thomas W. Carson, ECCC Director of Bands.

The Collegians are also looking forward to entertaining at a band festival in the Bahamas next May.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ✓
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 11-16-98

ECCC Rifle Team members

Rifle Team members of the East Central Community College Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band for 1998-99 include (from left) Brandy Rush and Jessica McDowell, both of Neshoba Central; Jessica Wright, Forest; and Felicia Boler and Chantell George, both of Neshoba Central. Thomas W. Carson serves as director of bands and Jared Brownlee is assistant band director. The ECCC Band was recently selected the state's top community/junior college band according to a poll conducted by The Clarion-Ledger.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER ____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓
UNION APPEAL ____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL ____
CLARION-LEDGER ____

CARTHAGINIAN ____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ____
NEWTON RECORD ____
MERIDIAN STAR ____

WEEK OF 11-16-98

ECCC BAND MEMBERS

DECATUR--These students from Scott County are members of the East Central Community College Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band for 1998-1999. Pictured are (first row, from left) Danna Dye, Morton; Jennifer Bounds, and Misti Harrell, both of Scott Central; Kara Stampley, Newton Academy; (second row) Crystal Alford, Morton; Laura Tadlock, Lake; Sissy Wilkerson, Morton; April Wallace and Jessica Wright, both of Forest; and Tiffany Edwards, Scott Central; (third row) Lakisha Patrick, Forest; Lachae Barrett and Shannon McDill, both of Sebastopol; Amanda Keeton, Morton; Tamekia Butler, Forest; and Lasherish Anderson, Lake; (fourth row) Catina Patrick, Scott Central; Anthony Guy, Alex Morado and Keith Beatty, all of Morton; Daniel Morgan, Forest; William Perkins, Scott Central; (fifth row) Ron Moore and Jeff Denson, both of Morton; Justin Sharp, Sebastopol; Alex Moore, Lake; and Stephanie Patrick, Sebastopol. Thomas W. Carson serves as director of bands and Jared Brownlee is assistant band director. The ECCC Band was recently recognized as the state's best community/junior college band according to a poll conducted by *The Clarion-Ledger*.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER ✓
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER
CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF 11-9-98

ECCC ART SHOW PARTICIPANTS

DECATUR--These East Central Community College students will display their artistic talents at the College's annual Fall Art Show scheduled from 6:30 to 9:30 P.M. Thursday, November 19, 1998 in the Vickers Fine Center on the Decatur campus. Art instructor Bruce Guraedy said this year's students "are some of the best drawers in recent memory." Guraedy added the artwork represents "a good display of realism and impressionism." In addition to the various charcoal and pencil drawings of landscape and still-lifes, a variety of ceramic work will be on display. Refreshments will also be served. Seated from left are April Clark, Philadelphia; Kenneth Thrash and Amy Butler, both of Union; Otis Wallace, Memphis, Tenn; Linzy Gressett, Carthage; and Kenny White, Newton; Standing from left are Todd Mullins, Louisville; Marlon Adams, Decatur; Chris Fuller, Homewood; Debra Miller, Decatur; Brit Cleveland, Union; and Kevin Shumake, Philadelphia.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER ✓
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF 11-9-98

Harrell serves as captain of EC Centralettes

Misti Harrell, a sophomore at ECCC served as captain of the Centralettes for the 1998 football season. She was chosen from a number of students who were Centralettes the previous year. She is also a member of the Warrior Corps and was recently selected as a beauty.

Misti is a 1997 honor graduate of Scott Central where she was selected as Miss Scott Central, Homecoming queen, and Most Beautiful. She was captain of the softball team and received the MVP Award for three years in a row. She was also the captain of the cheerleader squad and was selected as an All Star Cheerleader and traveled to England to participate in the London Christmas Parade. She was also a member of the Rebel basketball team. She was a Beta Club member and Student Council president.

Misti is a sports medicine major, specializing in exercise physiology. She is the daughter of Sammie and Becky Harrell.

Harrell

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 11-9-98

George Clark/The Meridian Star

STEPPIN' OUT – Ken Thrash and Nickie Peden perform "I'm Sending You a Bouquet of Roses" during ECCC's production of "Steppin' Out."

ECCC 'Steppin' Out' with musical revue

By **Jimmy Andrews**
The Meridian Star

DECATUR — The cast of East Central Community College's production of "Steppin' Out" performed Tuesday in front of a live audience made up of 100 Newton County High School students.

The students were invited to a dress rehearsal prior to the musical's official 3-night run, which opens Thursday.

The 17-member cast sings a 23 hit songs spanning a period of time from the 1920s to the present day.

Dialogue was written by longtime ECCC professor Ovid Vickers.

"Mr. Vickers told me if I would select the songs and direct the cast, he would write the dialogue. It came about one day when he and I were sitting over a cup of coffee. I told him that I had gone to see the play 'Smokey Joe's Cafe' in which there was a very large woman sitting, without moving, and singing 'Don't Be Cruel,'" director Lila Hunt said.

"He said, 'Wouldn't it be fun to do a revue of the songs from that era?' We were just talking, but that's how we came up with the idea."

The play is about a love triangle. As with most triangles, the characters are not in love with the people who are in love with them.

Sophomore Rebecca Fulton of Meridian plays the lead character, Adelle Adams.

"There is a lot of pressure playing a lead because the others are depending on you. This is only my second time on stage, and since my mother did this when she was here, I decided to do it," Fulton said.

Chad Anderson plays the character of Alan Munroe, who is heart-broken because Adelle doesn't love him.

"This really is my very first lead, so I don't know how I'm doing. I want to go on to sing church music, so this is good for me," Anderson said.

Brandi Duncan stole the show with her rendition of opera's "Se Tu M'ami."

"I've been singing since I was little, and I love to act. My parents say I should be an actress because of the way I lied my way out of trouble," Duncan laughs.

Freshman Melissa Till both sings and dances through the play, which takes place on a college campus theater stage during rehearsals of the upcoming production.

"I've been dancing since I was 3 years old. I know I am a better dancer than a singer. I am a lot more comfortable in tights and dance shoes," Till said.

"Steppin' Out" will be presented Thursday through Saturday at 7 p.m. in Mabry Cafeteria. Tickets are $12.50 and include dinner. For reservations, call toll-free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 241 or 236.

APPEA
LAKE
SCOT
UNION
WINST
CLARION-LEDGER

WEEK OF Nov. 2, 98

Tew named to EC Warrior Corps

Connie Tew of Forest was recently chosen a member of the Warrior Corps at East Central Community College in Decatur. The organization is composed of a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts and hostesses for various College events and activities. Academic counselor Michael Alexander serves as sponsor.

Tew is an honor graduate of Forest High School where she was named to the Hall of Fame and received awards in computer applications, advanced algebra, calculus and history. She was also a member of the Beta Club and National Honor Society.

At East Central, the freshman liberal arts major is a member of the Baptist Student Union.

She is the daughter of Steve and Pat Tew of Forest.

Tew

Till named to Warrior Corps

Melissa Till of Pelahatchie was recently chosen a member of the Warrior Corps at East Central Community College in Decatur. The organization is composed of a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts and hostesses for College events and activities. Academic counselor Michael Alexander serves as sponsor.

Till, reigning Miss Pelahatchie, is a graduate of Pelahatchie High School where she was selected a Presidential Honor Graduate and most beautiful. She also received the Lindy Callahan Award, Spirit of Venture Award, Armed Forces Athlete Award and most school spirit recognition. In addition, she served as captain of softball and cheerleading squads and was a member of the Beta Club. She attended Governor's School in 1997 and was recognized as a Top 30 High School Heisman nominee.

At East Central, the freshman pre-veterinary major is a member of the fall dinner theater cast of "Step-pin Out".

She is the daughter of Dexter and Lisa Till of Pelahatchie.

Till

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES X

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 11-2-98

ECCC Environmental Club

Christina Sellers, seated, of Morton, Jessica Waggoner, left, of Lena and Sheila Coleman of Nanih Waiya prepare recycling bins for the East Central Community College Environmental Club. The newest club on the ECCC campus was established to promote environmental awareness among its members and community; and to promote and encourage recycling. Club members are also available to prepare recycling bins for area merchants. For more information contact club sponsor Laura Hammons at ECCC, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, phone 635-2111, ext. 324 (EC photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ✓
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

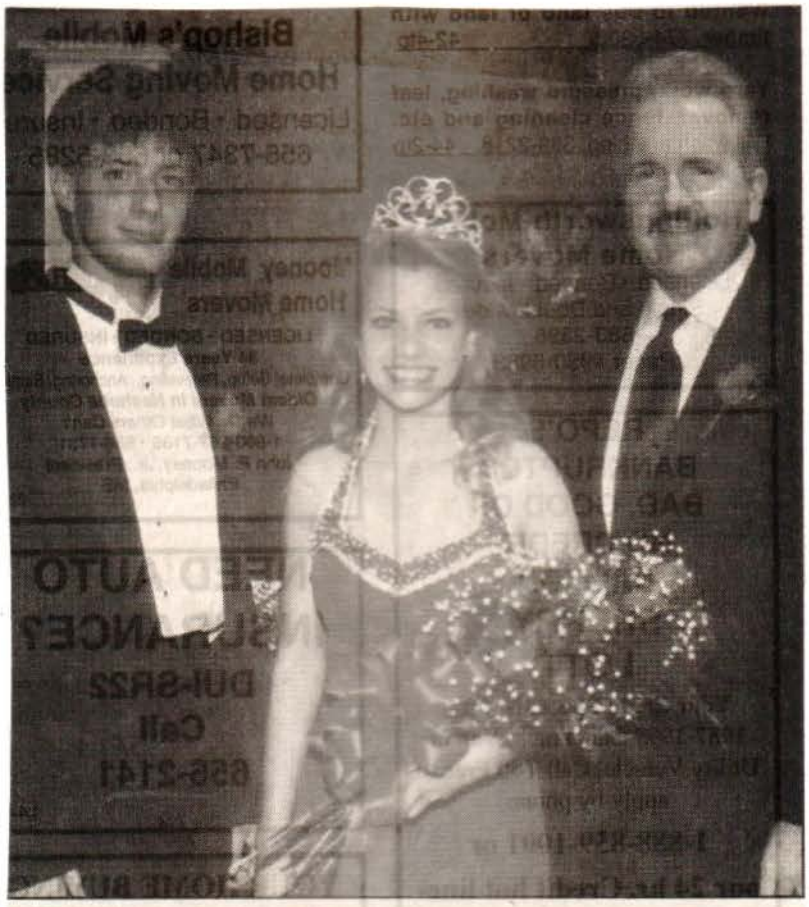
WEEK OF 11-2-98

ECCC DRUM MAJORS - Tiffany Edwards (right) of Scott Central High School is serving as drum major for the East Central Community College Warrior Wall O'Sound Marching Band and Michelle May of Newton County High School serves as assistant drum major. Edwards is the daughter of Debbie Tadlock of Forest and Richard Edwards of Lake Charles, Louisiana. May is the daughter of Ricky and Carol May of Lawrence. The ECCC Wall O'Sound Marching Band recently took second place honors in the "Best College Band in Mississippi" contest sponsored by the Clarion-Ledger. The ECCC band was the top vote-getter of all community/junior college bands in the state and finished only a few votes behind Jackson State University's Sonic Boom of the South. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 11-2-98



Dye selected ECCC's most beautiful

Danna Dye (center) of Morton was recently crowned most beautiful in the annual East Central Community College Beauty Pageant. Most handsome Justin Clearman (left) of Philadelphia was chosen by a vote of the student body. Crowning most beautiful was College president Dr. Eddie M. Smith. Dye is the daughter of Leon and Charlene Dye of Morton. Clearman is the son of Vickie Savoy and Donnie Clearman, both of Philadelphia.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ✓

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 11-2-98

To present ECCC dinner theater

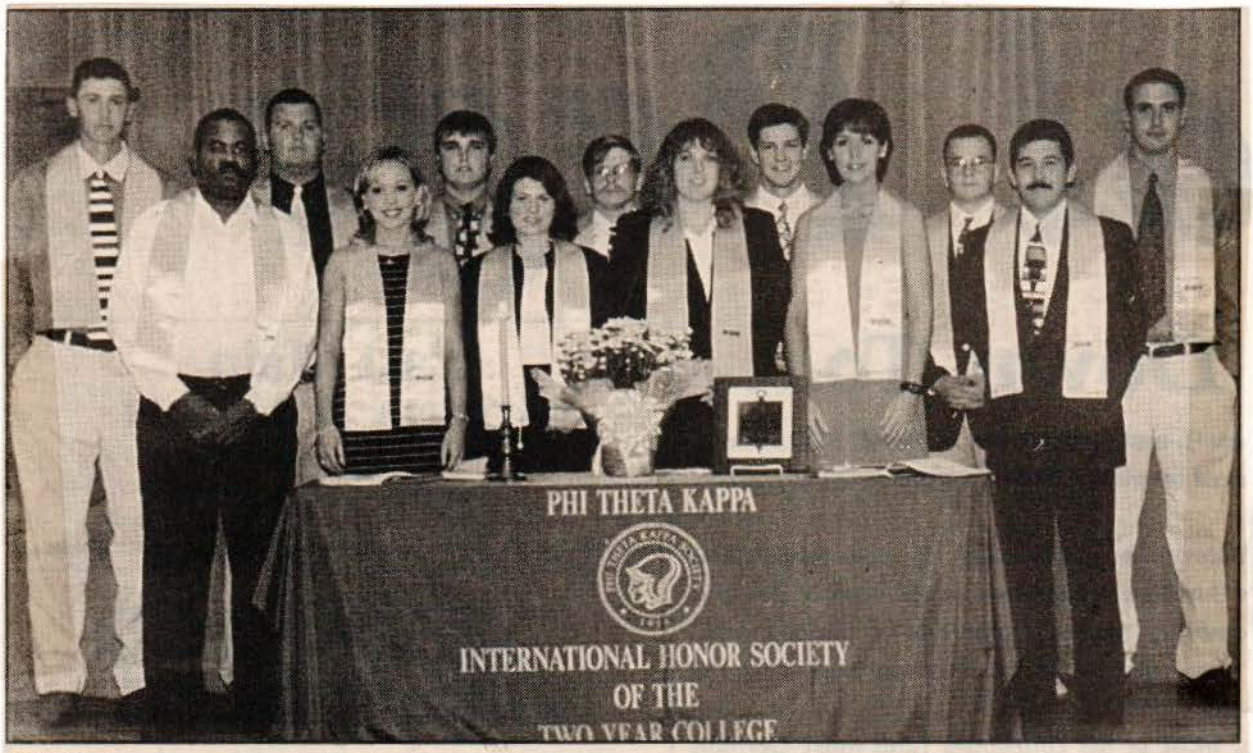
The East Central Community College Players will open their 1998-99 season with a dinner theater presentation of "Steppin Out." Original dialogue was written by retired East Central instructor Ovid Vickers and songs were selected by Lila Hunt who also directs. Participants include (seated) ECCC music keyboard instructor Tonya Morgan, accompanist, and Hunt; and (standing, from left) Joseph Haynes of Louisville, Jennifer Potvine of Chicago, Ill.; Beckie Fulton of Carthage, Melanie Kemp of Collinsville, Teresa Moore of Carthage, Tahnee Jones of Morton, Daniel Morgan of Forest, Chad Anderson of Philadelphia, Michael Cutway of Decatur, Ken Thrash and Emily Germany, both of Union; Sheila Coleman of Louisville, Brandi Duncan and Rebecca McNally, both of Philadelphia; Melissa Till of Pelahatchie, Tim Jordan of Decatur and Nickie Peden of Louisville. Performances will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 12-14, in Mabry Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. Tickets are $12.50 and includes dinner. For ticket information contact Hunt at 1-877-462-3222, ext. 241, or Juanita West, ext. 236.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ✓
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 10-19-98



PTK inductees

Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, at East Central Community College recently inducted 14 new members for the 1998 fall semester. To be eligible for Phi Theta Kappa, students must have earned a 3.5 grade point average or above on a 4.0 scale. They include (first row, from left) Lorenzo Griffin of Philadelphia, Heather Moody of Louisville, April Blackledge of Forest, Johnna Levin of Wilson, CA, Andrea Robertson of Neshoba Central and Tomi Mize of Permian, TX; and (back row, from left) Baron Burkes and Brock Lillis, both of Neshoba Central; Jonathan Mills of Philadelphia, Frank Morgan of Forest, Linzy Gressett Gressett of Carthage, and Daniel Morgan and Shannon Bagley, both of Forest. Dr. Shelby Harris and Ann Burkes serve as advisors.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN ✓
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 10-19-98

Wylie chosen in Warrior Corps at ECCC

Jana Wylie of Louisville was recently chosen a member of the Warrior Corps at East Central Community College in Decatur. The organization is composed of a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts and hostesses for various college events and activities.

Jana Wylie

Wylie is a graduate of Louisville High School where she was selected Miss LHS and homecoming queen. She also served as president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and was vice president of the Beta Club. In addition, she was cheerleader captain and received the Lady Wildcat Award.

At East Central, the freshman pre-med major is a member of the Lady Warrior tennis team, Diamond Girls and Sigma Sigma Mu Tau.

She is the daughter of Tommie Joe and Gloria Wylie.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL ✓
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 10-19-98

ECCC homecoming court

East Central Community College's homecoming court was recognized during homecoming activities held Saturday on the Decatur campus. The court and their escorts are, first row, from left, Ragan Mitchell, Ginger Moore, LaSherish Anderson, Corrin Chambliss, maid of honor; Natalie Vowell, queen; Angela Jayroe, Nykela Horne, Ashley McDill and Sonya Clearman; second row, Justin Long, Justin Chaney, Larry Keshawk Derrick, Ryan Gilmer, Ray Waddell, T.J. Madison, Tawaski Carter, Michael Hall and Justin Clearman.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN ✓
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 10-12-98

PBL officers

These East Central Community College students were recently inducted as officers of Phi Beta Lambda, an organization for business students. Students and their respective offices are (from left) Jennifer Winstead, reporter and Kelley Smith, treasurer, both of Union; Rebecca McDill of Newton County, secretary; Roberta Billy of Carthage, vice president; and Chad Anderson of Neshoba Central, president. Elizabeth Breland serves as sponsor.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____ ✓
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 10-5-98

Members of the 1998 East Central Community College Homecoming Court include (seated, from left) Corrin Chambliss of Louisville, Maid of Honor, and Natalie Vowell of Winston Academy, Queen; and (standing, from left) sophomore maids Ragan Mitchell of Nanih Waiya, LaSherish Anderson of Lake and Ginger Moore of Noxapater; and freshman maids Sonya Clearman of West Lauderdale, Nykela Horne of Neshoba Central, Angela Jayroe of Louisville and Ashley McDill of Newton County. The Homecoming Court will be presented during halftime activities of the East Central vs. Hinds football game on Saturday, October 10. Kickoff is set for 2:30 p.m. For more information about 1998 Homecoming festivities contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, or call toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222) ext. 323.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER _____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL _____
CLARION-LEDGER _____

CARTHAGINIAN _____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT _____
NEWTON RECORD _____
MERIDIAN STAR _____

Vowell Named ECCC Homecoming

Sophomore Natalie Vowell of Louisville was recently selected homecoming queen at East Central Community College and will be crowned during half-time ceremonies of the Warriors' football game with Hinds Community College on Saturday, October 10. Kickoff for the South Division matchup is set for 2:30 p.m. in Warrior Stadium on the Decatur campus.

Vowell, a graduate of Winston Academy, is the daughter of E. L. and Sylvia Vowell of Louisville. The business administration major serves as Diamond Girl captain and is a member of the Warrior Corps, Phi Theta Kappa, Centralettes and Phi Beta Lambda.

Serving as the queen's escort is Ray Waddell, a graduate of Philadelphia High School. He is the son of Rayburn and Wanda Waddell of Philadelphia.

This year's maid of honor is Corrin Chambliss, daughter of Robby and Janice Chambliss of Louisville. A graduate of Louisville High School, Chambliss is a pre-nursing major at East Central where she is a member of the Centralettes and Diamond Girls. She also participates in the Mississippi Reads Program.

She will be escorted by Ryan Gilmer, a graduate of Neshoba Central High School. His parents are Mack and Rose Gilmer of Philadelphia.

Selected as sophomore maids are Lasherish Anderson of Lake, Ragan Mitchell of Philadelphia and Ginger Moore of Noxapater.

Anderson, daughter of Albert Lewis Anderson and Brenda Joyce Anderson of Lake, is a business administration major and a member of the Wall O' Sound Marching Band and gospel choir. She is a graduate of Lake High School.

She will be escorted by Larry Keshawn Derrick, a graduate of Forest High School. His parents are Larry Derrick and JoAnn Derrick of Forest.

Mitchel, daughter of Robin Gregory of Philadelphia, is a pharmacy major and serves as vice president of the Student Body Association and reporter for Phi Theta Kappa. She is also a member of the Lady Warrior softball team, Warrior Corps and Mu Alpha Theta. She is a graduate of Nanih Waiya High School.

Her escort will be Justin Long, a graduate of Neshoba Central High School. His parents are Roger and Kathy Long of Philadelphia.

Moore, daughter of Dwight and Brenda Moore of Noxapater, is a business administration major and serves as sophomore class vice president. She is also a member of the Lady Warrior softball team. Warrior Corps, Diamond Girls and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She is a graduate of Noxapater High School.

She will be escorted by Justin Chaney, a graduate of Newton County High School. His parents are Rickey and Brenda Chaney of Little Rock.

Freshman maids are Sonya Clearman of Collinsville, Nykela Horne of Philadelphia, Ashley McDill of Decatur, and Angela Jayroe of Louisville.

Clearman, daughter of Billy and Audrey Clearman of Collinsville, is an elementary education major and serves as president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and freshman class vice president. She is also a member of the Warrior Corps and Diamond Girls. She is a graduate of West Lauderdale High School where she was named Miss West Lauderdale and received the Lady Knight Award.

Her escort will be Justin Clearman, a graduate of Neshoba Central High School. His parents are Donnie Clearman and Vickie Savoy of Philadelphia.

Horne, daughter of Willie and Genail Horne, is a liberal arts major and member of the Warrior Corps. She is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School where she was homecoming queen and selected "Most Likely to Succeed." She also served as senior class reporter and was a member of the Beta Club.

She will be escorted by Tawaski Carter, a graduate of Neshoba Central High School. His parents are Norman and Prenora Carter.

McDill, daughter of Layne and Cathy McDill of Decatur, is an elementary education major and serves as freshman

Queen

class secretary. she is also a member of the Warrior Corps, Centralettes, Diamond Girls, Dormitory Council and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She is a graduate of Newton County High School.

Her escort will be Michael Hall, a graduate of Leake Academy. His parents are Johnny and Kathy Hall of Carthage.

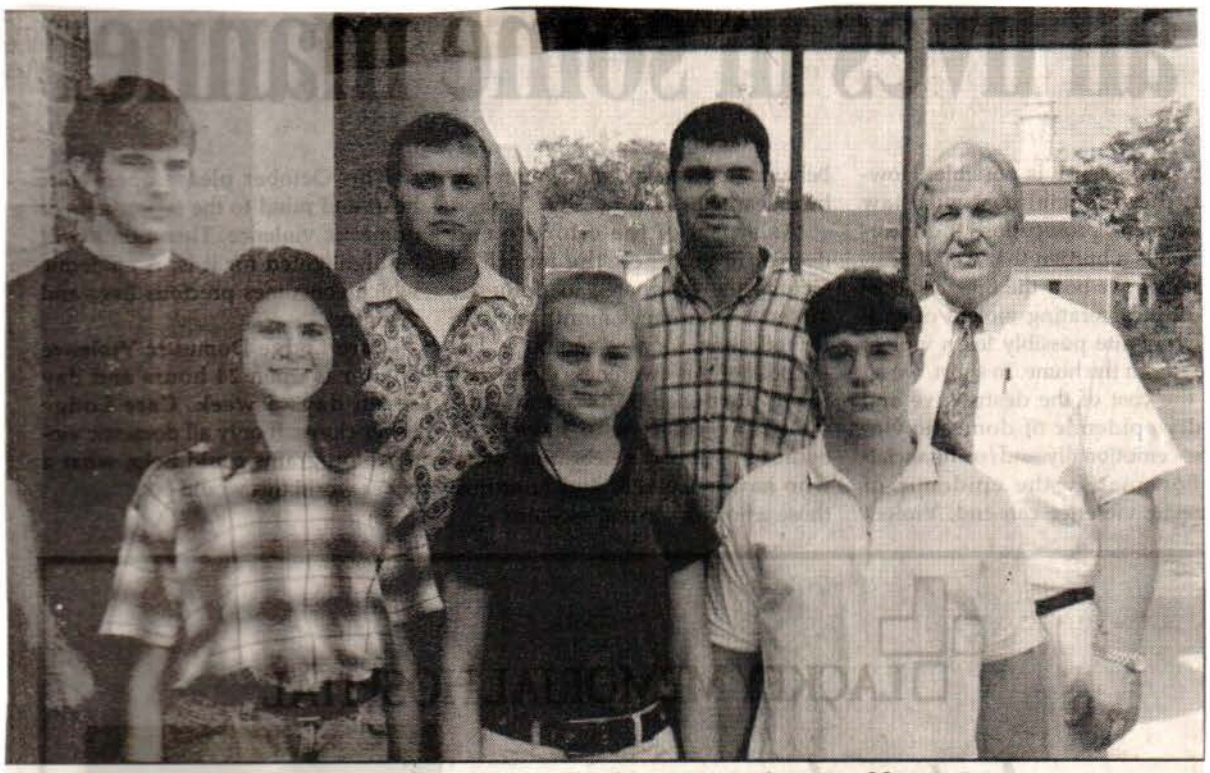
Jayroe, daughter of Butch and Teresa Jayroe, is a liberal arts major and member of the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band. She is a graduate of Louisville High School where she was also a band member.

Serving as escort will be T. J. Madison, a graduate of Neshoba Central High School. His parents are Ronald and Linda Madison of Philadelphia.

APPE
LAKE
SCOT
UNION
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

ART
ESH
EWT
MERI

WEEK OF 10-5-98



Elected Alpha Alpha Epsilon officers

These East Central Community College students were recently elected officers of Alpha Alpha Epsilon ("The Engineers"). Pictured are (front row, from left) president Scicile Wilkerson of Morton, reporter Shelia Coleman of Noxapater, and social chairman Tripp Gaddis of Forest; and (back row, from left) vice president Cody Fisher of Union, treasurer Brad Walley of Forest, secretary George Bradley of Carthage and advisor Dr. Shelby Harris.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER _____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL _____
CLARION-LEDGER _____
CARTHAGINIAN _____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT _____
NEWTON RECORD _____
MERIDIAN STAR _____

WEEK OF 10-5-98

EC sophomore officers

These students were recently selected officers of the sophomore class at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (seated, from left) president Amber Woods of Winston Academy and vice president Ginger Moore of Noxapater; and (standing, from left) treasurer Courtney Wilcher of Edinburg and secretary Leslie Miller of Louisville.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN ✓
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 10-5-98

ECCC FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS - These students were recently selected officers of the freshman class at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (seated from left) vice-president Sonya Clearman of West Lauderdale and president Veronica Haynes of Louisville; and (standing, from left) treasurer Robyn Watts of Union and secretary Ashley McDill of Newton County. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 10-5-98

Savell Named ECCC Warrior Corps Member

William Savell

William Savell of Lake was recently chosen a member of the Warrior Corps at East Central Community College in Decatur. The organization is composed of a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts and hostesses for College events and activities. Academic counselor Michael Alexander serves as sponsor.

Savell is a graduate of Newton County High School where he received Beta Club and Citizenship awards and was an officer inteh band and Mu Alpha Theta. He also served as a class officer his junior and senior year. In addition, he was a delegate to Boys' State and the Lions Club Leadership Program.

At East Central, the freshman speech/public relations major is a member of the Warrior Wall O'Sound Marching Band.

His parents are Mark and Lynn Savell of Lake.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 10-5-98

McDill Named ECCC Warrior Corps Member

Ashley McDill

Ashley McDill of Decatur was recently chosen a member of the Warrior corps at East Central Community College in Decatur. The organization is composed of a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts and hostesses for various College events and activities. Academic counselor Michael Alexander serves as sponsor.

McDill is an honor graduate of Newton County High School where she served as president of Mu Alpha Theta and was vice president of the Beta Club. She was also a member of the Student council, annual staff and cheerleading squad. In addition, she was the recipient of the DAR Good Citizen Award.

At East Central, the freshman education major serves as secretary and is a member of the Dormitory Council, Diamond Girls, Centralettes, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Student Education Association and the Mississippi Readers Program.

She is the daughter of Layne and Cathy McDill of Decatur.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD ✓

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 10-5-98

Harris Named ECCC Warrior Corps Member

Amanda Harris

Amanda Harris of Hickory was recently chosen a member of the Warrior Corps at East Central Community College in Decatur. The organization is composed of a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts and hostesses for various College events and activities. Academic counselor Michael Alexander serves as sponsor.

Harris is an honor graduate of Newton County High School where she was selected Miss NCHS and most athletic. She also received the Citizenship Award and served as Beta Club treasurer and Student Council representative. In addition, she was named most valuable softball player and received the rebounding award in basketball.

At East Central, the freshman physical therapy major is a member of the Lady Warrior softball team and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

She is the daughter of Phil and Rhonda Harris of Hickory.

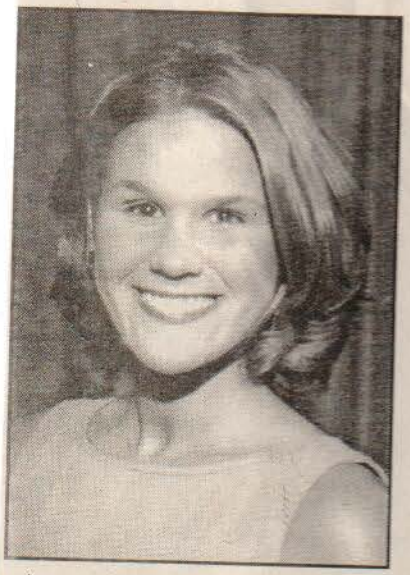
APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 10-5-98

Hamilton Named ECCC Warrior Corps Member



Heather Hamilton

Heather Hamilton of Newton was recently chosen a member of the Warrior Corps at East Central Community College in Decatur. The organization is composed of a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts and hostesses of various College events and activities. Academic counselor Michael Alexander serves as sponsor.

Hamilton is a graduate of Newton High School where she was on the honor roll and was selected most beautiful.

At East Central, the freshman pharmacy major is a member of the Centralettes and Diamond Girls.

She is the daughter of Frederick and Karen Hamilton.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD ✓

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 10-5-98

Receive EC scholarships

These East Central Community College students recently received Nontraditional Student Tuition Scholarships to continue their education at ECCC. Pictured are (seated, from left) Johnna Levin of Louisville and Debbie Gliddon of Forest; and (standing, from left) ECCC Dean of Students Randall E. Lee, and Angela Dempsey and Judy Lynn Ford, both of Louisville. Nontraditional student tuition scholarships are available to qualified Mississippi residents age 23 or older, at the time of initial enrollment, who enroll full-time at ECCC. The scholarship will be available to the student for three consecutive semesters following the first 12 semester hours earned as either a part-time or full-time student at East Central. For more information contact the Dean of Students' Office at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, or call toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222) ext. 205.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER ✓
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER

CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF 9-28-98

EC LPN graduates

These students are recent graduates of the Licensed Practical Nursing program at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (first row, from left) LuAnn Sessions Gould of Morton, Joyce Bassett of Forest, Brenda Apperson of Philadelphia, Stephanie Williams Spangler of Little Rock, Gwen Hickman of Louisville and Kimberly Reed Burton of Union; (second row, from left) Brandie Bounds of Forest, Linda Pace of Newton, Jennifer Covington of Philadelphia, Carrie Dorman Perkins of Carthage and Rebecca Graham Henderson of Forest; and (back row, from left) Kelvin Kinte Knowles of Louisville, Jessica Strebeck Cooley of Little Rock, Brenda Holder of Newton, Linda Tucker of Philadelphia, Maria Atkinson Stewart of Carthage and Bradley Robert McNair of Philadelphia. Not pictured are Mae Manus of Louisville, Jody Rice of Collinsville and LPN instructors Sandra Thomas and Katharine Buckman.

APPEARED IN:

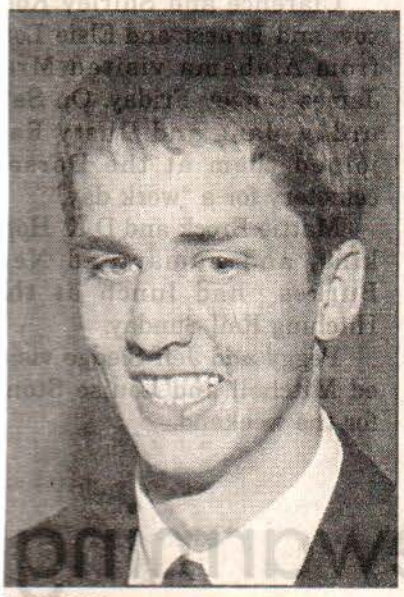
LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN ✓
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

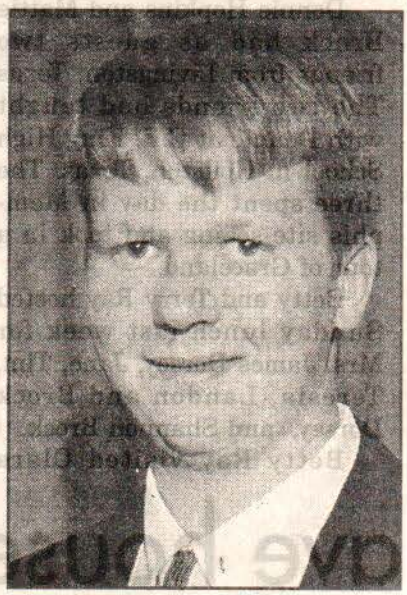
WEEK OF 9-28-98

GOMILLION

HILLMAN



McRAE



WILCHER

ECCC Warrior Corps

Leake students named to the ECCC Warrior Corps are: Alesha Gomillion, Lacey Johnson, Amanda Hillman, Craig McRae, all of Carthage; and Michael Wilcher of Edinburg. They will assist with recruiting and host college events.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN ✓

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 9-28-48

ECCC Centralettes

These students are members of the Centralettes, the danceline for the East Central Community College Wall O' Sound Marching Band. Members and their respective high schools include (seated, from left) Danna Dye, Morton; Celeste Staton, Union; Heather Hamilton, Newton; Heather Warren, Morton; Teresa Moore and Courtney Wilcher, both of Edinburg; Natalie Vowell, Winston Academy; Lori Darsey, Newton County Academy; Paula Tullos, Union; Corrin Chambliss, Louisville; and Ashley McDill, Newton County; and (standing, from left) Leslee Carter, Newton County; Jennifer Bounds, Scott Central; Lee Ann Stampley, Newton County Academy; Jennifer Guyse, Newton; Amber Burks, Newton County Academy; Mistie Harrell, Scott Central; Ronit Frey, Louisville; Layla Peoples and Jessica Guyse, both of Newton; Thias Brantley, Leake Academy; and Kristie Jones and Bethany Laird, both of Newton County. Angela Weems serves as choreographer.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN ✓

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 9-28-98

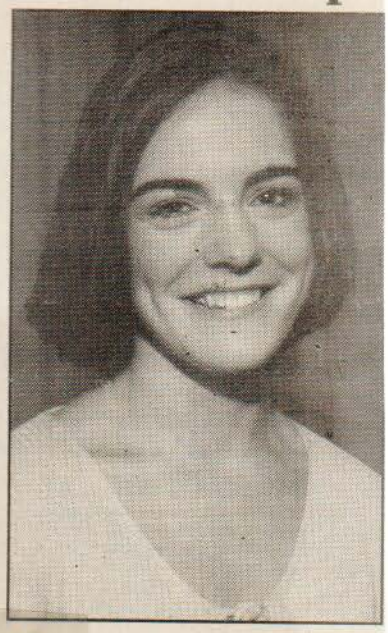
Henry named to EC Warrior Corps

Tesa Henry of Forest was recently selected a member of the Warrior Corps at East Central Community College in Decatur. The organization is composed of a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts and hostesses of College events and activities. Academic counselor Michael Alexander serves as sponsor.

Henry attended Forest High School where she graduated with highest honors and was named to the Hall of Fame. She also served as Beta Club president, cheerleader captain and was a member of the Student Council, choir and Madrigals. In addition, she was named to the National Honor Society.

At East Central, the freshman sports medicine major is a member of the cheerleading squad.

She is the daughter of Martha Henry and Charlie Henry.



Henry

Cooper named to Warrior Corps

Courtney Cooper of Forest was recently chosen a member of the Warrior Corps at East Central Community College in Decatur. The organization is composed of a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts and hostesses for College events and activities. Academic counselor Michael Alexander serves as sponsor.

Cooper is an honor graduate of Forest High School where she served as senior and junior class president and DECA president. She was also named most outstanding marketing student and received the Tech-Prep Award. In addition, she was a cheerleader and member of the Beta Club and tennis team. She was also named to the National Honor Society.

Cooper

She is a freshman at East Central where her major is marketing/public relations.

Courtney is the daughter of Jerry and Gwyn Cooper of Forest.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 9-28-98

Bounds named to EC Warrior Corps

Jennifer Bounds of Forest was recently chosen a member of the Warrior Corps at East Central Community College. The organization is composed of a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts and hostesses for College events and activities. Academic counselor Michael Alexander serves as sponsor.

Bounds is an honor graduate of Scott County Central High School where she served as Student Council vice president, annual editor and Beta Club secretary. She was also cheerleader captain and was chosen an All-Star cheerleader. In addition, she served as a Girls' State delegate.

Bounds

At East Central, the freshman liberal arts major is a member of the Centralettes and Diamond Girls.

She is the daughter of Mickey and Debra Bounds of Forest.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

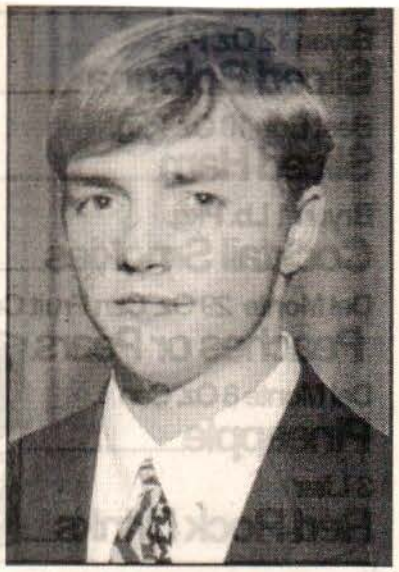
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 9-25-98

WARRIOR CORP MEMBER - Josh Sanders of Little Rock was recently chosen a member of the Warrior Corps at East Central Community College. The organization is composed of a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts and hostesses for College events and activities. Academic Counselor Michael Alexander serves as sponsor. Sanders is a graduate of Newton County High School where he received the extemporaneous speaking award by Future Farmers of America. He was also named to Who's Who. At East Central, the freshman criminal justice major is a member of the Ac'cents and participates in intramual sports. He is the son of Cathy J. Mitchell of Little Rock.



WARRIOR CORP MEMBER - Jason Williams of Newton was recently chosen a member of the Warrior Corps at East Central Community College. The organization is composed of a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts and hostesses for College events and activities. Academic counselor Michael Alexander serves as sponsor. Williams, a graduate of Newton County Academy, where he was selected Mr. NCA, Most Handsome, Most Intellectual and Most Likely to Succeed. He served as senior class president and annual staff editor, and was a member of the honor society. At EC, the sophomore sports medicine major participated in intramural activities. His parents are Bob and Rhonda Williams of Newton.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

Three UHS grads join Warrior Corps

Three 1998 Union High School graduates: Carmen Germany , Robyn Watts and Rebekah Franklin were recently chosen a members of the Warrior Corps at East Central Community College in Decatur. The organization is composed of a select group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts and hostesses for College events and activities. Academic counselor Michael Alexander serves as sponsor.

Rebekah Franklin

Franklin is a graduate of Union High School where she was named to the Hall of Fame and served as student council president. She was also a member of the Beta Club, band, choir, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and DECA. In addition, she received the Citizenship Award.

At East Central, the freshman pre-dental major is a member of the Wall O' Sound Marching Band and concert choir.

She is the daughter of John and Nancy Franklin of Union.

Robyn Watts

Watts is an honor graduate of Union High School where she was named to the Hall of Fame and served as student body vice president and band president. She was a member of the Beta Club and received numerous math awards. In addition, she served as HOBY Ambassador.

At East Central, the freshman pre-dentistry major serves as class treasurer and is a member of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau and the cheerleading squad.

She is the daughter of John and Janis Watts of Union.

Carmen Germany

Germany is a graduate of Union High School where she served as Student Council representative, junior class vice president, senior class secretary and band section leader. She also was a member of the Beta Club and DECA.

At East Central, the freshman child psychology major is a member of the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band and Diamond Girls. She also participates in the Reads Program.

She is the daughter

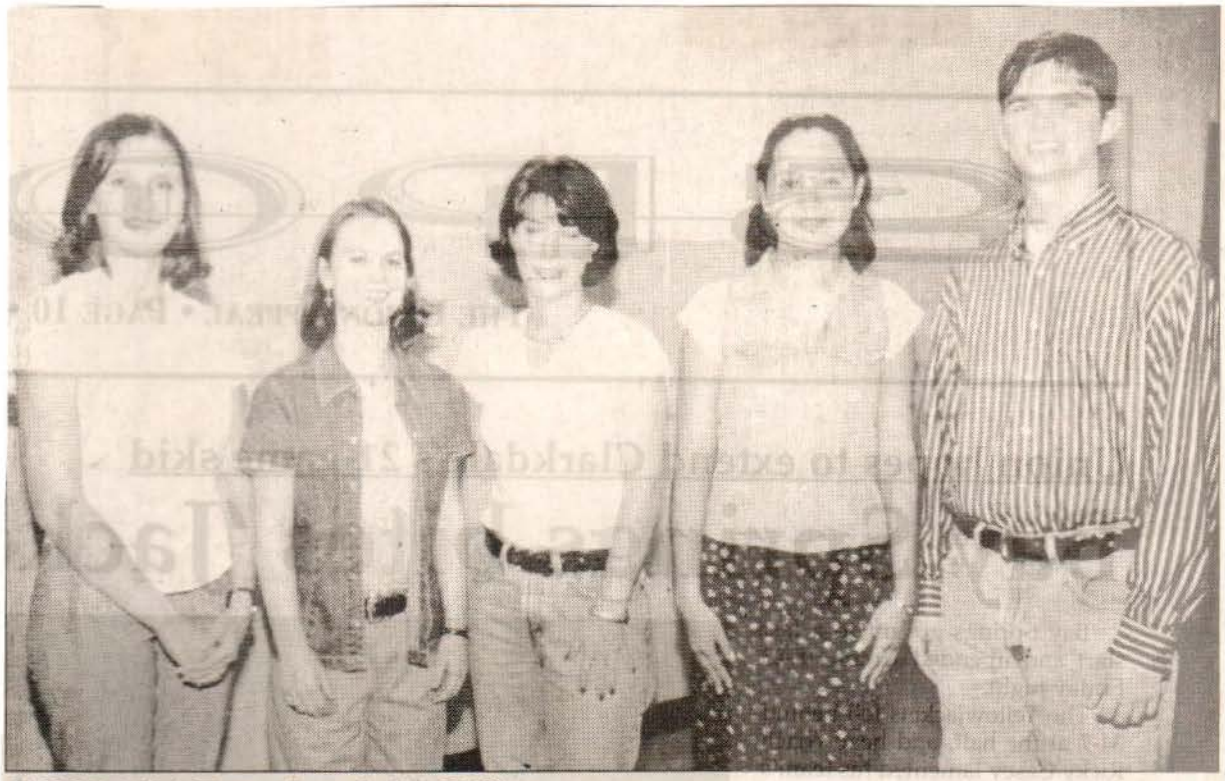
WEEK OF 9-28-98

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL ✓
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 9-28-98



ECCC Phi Beta Lambda Officers..... These East Central Community College students were recently inducted as officers of Phi Beta Lambda, an organization for business students. Students and their respective offices are (from left) Jennifer Winstead, report and Kelley Smith, treasurer, both of Union; Rebecca McDill of Newton County, secretary; Roberta Billy of Carthage, vice president; and Chad Anderson of Neshoba Central, president. Elizabeth Breland serves as sponsor. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓
UNION APPEAL ✓
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 9-21-98

Area students invited to 'Be Our Guest'

Area high school students are invited to attend "Be Our Guest" night activities Thursday, Oct. 1, at East Central Community College when the ECCC Warriors battle Southwest Mississippi Community College in a south division matchup. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m. on the Decatur campus.

Students attending the annual activity area admitted free of charge to the game and will have the opportunity to win door prizes. Special guests will also be recognized during halftime ceremonies.

For more information contact the Dean of Students Office, East Central Community College, Decatur, Miss. 39327, telephone 635-2111, or call toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 204.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN ✓

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 9-17-98

Record high

ECCC enrollment hits all-time high at 2,153

A record enrollment has been reported at East Central Community College, announced Raymond McMullan, Director of Admissions, Records and Research.

McMullan said 2153 students are currently enrolled in day and evening classes, which represents an increase of 101 students, or about five percent, as compared to the previous record of 2052 students who took classes during the 1997 fall term.

The record-setting enrollment includes 1579 full-time students and 574 who are enrolled on a part-time basis. Also included in the enrollment total are the 818 students who are 23 years of age or older.

In addition to offering day and evening classes on its Decatur campus, East Central provides instruction at various locations throughout the College's district which includes Leake, Neshobà, Newton, Scott and Winston counties.

For more information contact the Office of Admission, Records and Research, East Central Community College, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph. 635-2111, or call toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 206.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN ✓

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 9-14-98

ECCC Cheerleaders

Members of the East Central Community College Warrior cheerleading squad for 1998-99 include (seated, from left) Robyn Watts of Union, Emily Johnson of Neshoba Central and Jessica Hester of Pearl; (kneeling, from left) Nikki Way of Newton, Amy Clark of Newton County, and Staci Slayton of Enterprise; and (standing, from left) Jeremy Nowell of Nanih Waiya, Daphne Hudnall of Newton County, Brian Madison of Neshoba Central, Leslie Brackeen of Newton County, Alex Lee of Lake, Jennifer Pace of Newton County, Chris VanEtten of Scott Central, Tesa Henry of Forest, and Harold Hollingsworth III of Merdian. Virginia Pace serves as sponsor.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER ✓
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER
CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF 9-14-98

Myers scholarship recipients

East Central Community College freshman Heather Anderson (third from left), a graduate of Philadelphia High School and Mark Eakes (fourth from left), a graduate of Neshoba Central High School, are the first recipients of the Ben Myers Memorial Scholarships to attend ECCC. Also pictured are, from left, Randall E. Lee, ECCC dean of students; and Myers' parents Jewel Parks and Glenn Myers, both of Philadelphia. The scholarships were established by family members and friends of the popular 1997 ECCC graduate who lost his life in an automobile accident on July 9, 1998. While a student at East Central, the Dean's List scholar was selected "Mr. ECCC" and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Warrior Corps, and various other organizations. He was also a member of the Warrior golf team which won the Region 23, Division III Championship his sophomore season. Ben was a 1995 graduate of Neshoba Central High School where he served as student body president and was voted "Most Outstanding Senior." An accounting major, Myers was a senior at the University of Mississippi where he was a Dean's List scholar and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Ambassadors, a volunteer student recruiting group. Recipients of the Ben Myers Memorial Scholarships receive $500 and must be a high school graduate from either Neshoba Central, Philadelphia or Choctaw Central. For more information contact the ECCC Dean of Students Office, phone 635-2111 or call toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC ext. 204.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 8-17-98

Organizations /Clubs

Submitted photo

DRILLING — Members of the flag team at East Central Community College show off their skills at "Show and Tell," a performance which concluded last week's band camp.

ECCC band bigger than ever

By **Jimmy Andrews**
The Meridian Star

DECATUR — Thomas Carson has been director of bands at East Central Community College for 17 years. He oversees the marching band, the concert band, the jazz band, and the rock-and-roll "Collegian" band.

This year, 150 students showed up for tryouts and eventually became a members of the largest marching band in ECCC history. Thirty of these band members also play in the concert, jazz and rock-and-roll bands.

"When I first got here we had about 30 students in the band, so things have obviously grown. I really don't have to recruit much myself, because my students have a better feel for those high school students out there who are talented and they come to me and say that they've told them that it is a must that they join our band," Carson said.

"Most know my reputation, but I could kill a band if I didn't have those expectations."

The ECCC Collegian Band was the only community college band in Mississippi invited to perform at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, Ga.

"We were just invited by someone on the Olympic Committee who had heard us play in Georgia. It was a year and a half in the planning, and eventually led to three concerts," Carson said.

The band left the very night of the bombing at the Olympic Village.

"The marching band is the meat and potatoes of our program and this past year's band is the best band I've ever been associated with," Carson said. "The quality of students and the attitude of the students made the difference."

Carson said the band program at ECCC as been "making a difference" in the lives of the students who join each year.

"I've had several students come here not knowing what they want to major in, and after a while have decided they want to do what I do," Carson said.

"That says a lot, but a student who tells me that being in the band has been the best part of going to school here is the best feeling."

This year's marching band will be sporting brand new band uniforms. Carson tries to replace uniforms every 10 years, and often donates used uniforms to high schools who have "EC" initials.

"We've set several school records already with this year's band. This is the first time that drummers came in and rehearsed with the band the first day ... they progressed so quickly," Carson said.

"It is the largest drum line we've ever had, the largest horn line we've ever had, the largest dance line we've ever had and the first time we've worked up the whole opening drill by the second day of band camp."

APPEARED IN:
LAKE MESSENGER
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JO
CLARION-LEDGER

AT

✓

WEEK OF 8-10-98

ECCC Surgical Technology Graduates.....These students are 1998 graduates of East Central Community College's surgical technology program. Pictured are (first row, from left) Debbie Risher, Quitman; Essie Overstreet, Philadelphia; Jennifer Pullin, Union; Misty Burrell, Forest; and Joylynn Flowers, Meridian; and (back row, from left) Pam Pearson, Philadelphia; Dana Walker, Newton; Tracy Wilson, Louin; Felicia Lay, Forest; and Melissa Brand, Decatur. Janice Jacobs serves as instructor. The group was recognized during a pinning ceremony held on the Decatur campus. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL ✓

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

Continued from previos Page

annual concert

"Most of the time I'd already heard the song and was planning to do it. They sort of know me well enough to know what I'm looking for," Carson said.

Carson arranges all the material himself rather than relying on sheet music. He said he likes to keep the songs as close to the radio version as possible. This takes up much of the group's practice time.

"We put a lot of work into getting the songs to sound close to how they sound on the radio," Carson said.

After all is said and done the group ends up with a very eclectic set.

"We try to do a little of everything — rock, country, whatever — so everybody leaves a Collegian concert happy," Carson said.

In addition to performing at the Fair the Collegians perform extensively in Mississippi at high schools and festivals. Every summer the group takes a trip giving the members the chance to perform outside the state. The group has performed in Washington D.C., Universal

See **Collegians**, page 37

Stephen Spire on trombone, Jason Alford, playing the sax, Jeff Denson and Josh Bamberg, both on the trumpet blast out tunes at the Collegian concert Monday.

WEEK OF Aug. 3, 1998

Carson leads Collegians through

By HANK HARMS
Fair Times reporter

The Neshoba County Fair offers many forms of entertainment — the beauty pageant, the political speeches, the horse races and, of course, the music.

Bands play at the grandstand, Founders Square pavilion and several cabins. Rock, jazz, country, blues and gospel are among the musical genres which can be heard at the fair. And each year on Monday all these genres are represented in one show.

The Collegians, East Central Community College's top 40 cover band, plays its annual show at 1:30 in the afternoon.

The Collegians began playing at the Neshoba County Fair several years ago. Tom Carson, head of the band department at East Central, asked Dr. Rudolph Posey, who was in charge of entertainment in those days, if there were any openings in the schedule.

Posey said that there was opening at 1:30 Monday afternoon. Every year since then the Collegians have played the 1:30 slot on Mondays at Founders Square Pavilion.

Carson is pleased by the reception the Collegians have received at the Fair.

"Over the years I've met people from out of state that have cabins at the fair that say they never miss that 1:30 concert," Carson said.

For the past three years the Collegians have also performed a second concert at the racetrack at 7 Monday evening.

The group that performs at the Fair is actually the previous year's Collegians. Shortly after this performance new members audition for the group.

"This is like the farewell performance of the previous year's group," Carson said.

The songs performed by the group are chosen in one of two ways. Carson picks some from the radio.

"When I'm driving, I change channels continuously," Carson said.

About 40 to 50 percent of the material is suggested by members.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____
The Fair Times

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF July 27, 1998

RECEIVES COMANS SCHOLARSHIP - Neshoba Central High School graduate Beau Ellison of Philadelphia is the first recipient of The Comans Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. Ellison, who was named NCHS salutatorian, is shown receiving the annual award from Lanette Hanna, ECCC recruiter/Tech Prep Center director.His major is business administration. The Comans Scholarship was established in the spring of 1998 by ECCC alumni Wayne and Sandy (Vallas) Comans of Decatur. the scholarship is valued at $500 per semester for up to four semesters. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF July 27, 1998

Amy Gomillion merits PTK Society scholarship

Two 1998 honor graduates of East Central Community College in Decatur have been named recipients of scholarships presented by the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.

Amy Gomillion of Walnut Grove was named one of 10 recipients in the nation to receive a $5000 Guistwhite Scholarship and Brian Shaw of Forest was selected a Guistwhite Finalist. Shaw was among 10 students from across the country to receive a $1000 award. Gomillion is the only graduate of a Mississippi community/junior college selected for the prestigious honor while Shaw is one of two recipients representing the state.

The 1998 Guistwhite Scholars were selected based on "academic achievement, community service, personal goals and strong participation in Phi Theta Kappa," according to Rod A. Risley, executive director of the international honor society whose headquarters are based in Jackson. Risley said the scholarship funds are disbursed over a two-year period and are used to facilitate completion of baccalaureate studies.

The scholarship is named in honor of Dr. Jack Guistwhite, a Boca Raton, Florida, resident and retired Director of Inter-Institutional Relations at Florida Atlantic University. Dr. Guistwhite developed the first transfer scholarship awarded nationally and exclusively to Phi Theta Kappa members by a senior institution. Since then, nearly 400 four-year colleges and universities have established scholarship programs for Phi Theta Kappa members.

GOMILLION

tion of their estate will supplement Phi Theta Kappa funds in maintaining and expanding the Guistwhite Scholar Program.

"We are proud to sponsor the Guistwhite Scholar Program, which recognizes the academic achievements of our Phi Theta Kappa members and their outstanding records of service to their colleges and communities," Risley said. "These students reflect the diversity found in our two-year colleges."

Gomillion and Shaw maintained excellent grades and received numerous honors at East Central while also being involved in various campus activities.

A pharmacy major, Gomillion graduated with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Among awards she received included her selection to the Hall of Fame, the highest honor presented and ECCC student. She was also named to the 1998 Mississippi All-State Academic Team. She served as president of the student body association and was vice president of scholarship for Theta Xi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. She was also tion, she held membership in various clubs and organizations and participated in numerous campus activities.

A graduate of Leake Academy, she is the daughter of Don and Betty Gomillion of Walnut Grove. She plans to continue her education at the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy.

Shaw, a computer engineering major, graduated with a 3.88 grade point average. He was also named to the College's Hall of Fame and was chosen on the honorable mention Mississippi All-State Academic Team. In addition, he served as president of Alpha Alpha Epsilon, "The Engineers," and of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. He was also selected as Mississippi/Louisiana Regional Secretary for PTK. He was a member of the Warrior Corps as well as other campus organizations. Shaw also participated in various campus activities.

A graduate of Forest High School, he is the son of Royce and Maggie Shaw of Forest. Shaw plans to continue his education at Mississippi State University.

The selection of Gomillion as a Guistwhite Scholar marks the third recipient from ECCC since the scholarship program began in 1992. Dr. Shelby Harris and Ann Burkes serve as advisors for East Central's Phi Theta Kappa chapter.

APPEARI
LAKE ME
SCOTT C
UNION A
WINSTOI
CLARION

A DEMOCRAT
RECORD
N STAR

WEEK OF July 27, 1998

Named National Junior College Athletic Association Academic All-Americans from East Central Community College are (from left) Jason Hailey, Paula Crawford, and Zach Sanders. Crawford was named on the Distinguished All-American List. Academic All-Americans must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.6 or better on a 4.0 scale, while Distinguished Academic All-Americans must have earned a 3.8 GPA or above.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL ✓
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF July 27, 1998

To Perform at Fair..... For the fifteenth straight year, the Collegians of East Central Community College will be featured performers during "ECCC Day" activities scheduled Monday, August 3 at the Neshoba County Fair. The talented musicians will perform at 1:30 p.m. at the Founder's Square pavilion and again at 7 p.m. next to the grandstand prior to the Miss Neshoba County Pageant. Thomas W. Carson serves as director. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL ✓
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF July 27, 1998

Graduation

ECCC GED GRADUATES - These students recently received their GED (General Education Development) diplomas during commencement activities held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (first row, from left) Jennifer Potvine, Alisha Martin, and Jennifer Overstreet, all of Louisville; Jacquelin Hum of Forest; Nelda Engram of Conehatta, Barbara Calkins of Philadelphia, Gail Land of Morton, Shelly Halford of Hickory, and Lynda Howard of Noxapater; (second row) Rhonda Sutton and John Dempsey, both of Louisville; Sha Ni Johnson of Union, Denar Muhammad of Little Rock, Lamont Windham of Newton, MariElaina Willis of Philadelphia, Melissa Overton of Union, Kassie Howell of Morton, and Malissa Bryant of Union; and (back row, from left) Shirley Henrie of Philadelphia, Linda Popec of Louisville, Brian Vowell, J. T. Bass, and Chas Yates, all of Philadelphia; Eugene Cates of Newton, Anissa Williams of Noxapater, Tommy thrash of Sebastopol, and Nina Champion of Morton. For more information about the GED program contact Gene Davis, ECCC Director of Adult and Continuing Education, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327 or phone 635-2111, ext 278 or 279. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD ✓

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 7-26-98

ECCC Orientation

DECATUR--Students who plan to enroll at East Central Community College during the 1998 fall semester and have not advance registered for classes are urged to attend orientation activities scheduled Saturday, August 8 on the Decatur campus. Registration begins at 8 a.m. in the Vickers Fine Arts Center.

In addition to planning class schedules, students attending orientation will meet with various College personnel and learn of the wide variety of academic and social opportunities available at East Central.

Parents are also urged to attend and join students for a complimentary lunch in Marby Memorial Cafeteria.

To complete an orientation session, students must have the following information on file in the Office of Admissions, Records and Research: (1) Application for admission: (2) ACT scores (academic and technical students only; not application to vocational students); (3) high school transcript; and (4) college transcript(s) if transfer students.

Fall day classes begin Monday, August 17.

For more information contact the Dean of Students Office, P.O. Box 129, East Central Community College, Decatur, Miss. 39327, or call toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 204.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER ✓
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER
CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF 7-26-98

Nontraditional Scholarships

DECATUR--If you know an adult considering going to college, East Central Community College in Decatur can help. Nontraditional student tuition scholarships are available to any qualified Mississippi resident 23 years of age or older, at the time of initial enrollment, who enrolls full-time at ECCC.

The scholarship is available to students for three consecutive semesters following the first twelve semester hours earned as either a part-time or full-time student at East Central. To be eligible, a recipient:

1. Must enroll as a full-time academic or technical student on the Decatur campus;
2. Must have earned all previous college credit as a student at East Central;
3. Must have earned a minimum of 12 semester hours but no more than 21 semester hours of college credit as either a full-time or part-time student at East Central Community College;
4. Must have demonstrated the capacity and a strong desire to obrain a college education by maintaining a 3.0 GPA or higher for each previous semester at East Central;
5. Must complete a scholarship application form and submit it to the Dean of Students' Office; and
6. Must show potential for leadership, academic excellence, and have high moral standards and good character as documented by two letters of recommendation.

For more information, contact Randell E. Lee, Dean of Students, at ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph. 635-2111, or call the college's new toll free number at 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222).

ECCC
WITH YOU IN MIND

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER ✓
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER
CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF July 26 1998

ECCC ORIENTATION PARTICIPANTS

These Forest High School graduates recently attended orientation activities at East Central Community College and are shown making ice cream sundaes following a complimentary lunch in Marby Memorial Cafeteria. From left are Brian Barnes, Connie Tew, Shalene Walker, LaWanda Ealy, Lance Wooten and Stephanie Lindsey, who were among area students advance register for fall classes and learn of the wide variety of academic and social opportunities available at East Central. An additional orientation session is scheduled August 8. Fall day classes begin August 17. For more information contact the Dean of Students Office, ECCC, Decatur, MS 39327 or call the College's new toll free number, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 204.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER ✓
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER
CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF 7-20-98

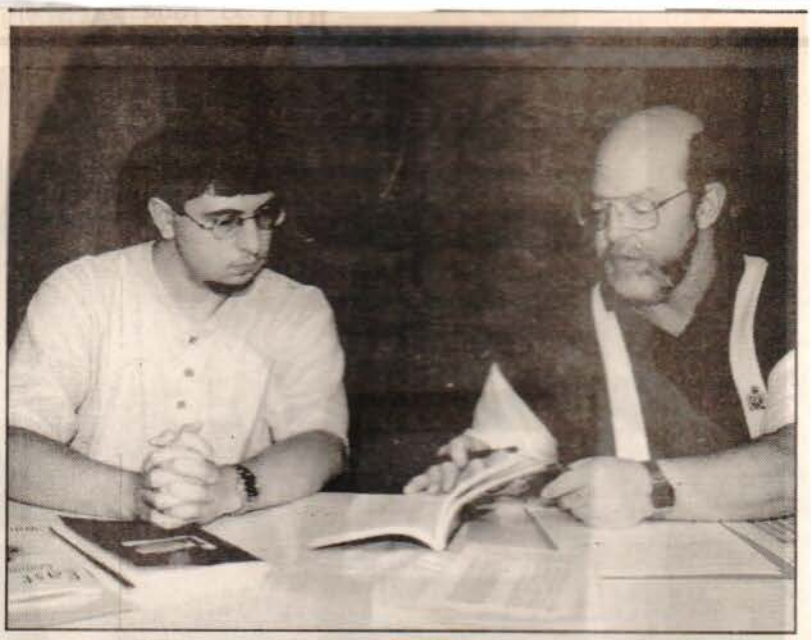
ECCC Orientation Participants.... Attending orientation activities at East Central Community College involves more than registering for fall classes as demonstrated by these area students who are shown making ice cream sundaes following a complimentary lunch provided in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. From left are Jeremy Luke and Ashlea Gullette, both Newton County High School graduates; Chris Milling of Union; and Stephen Joyner of Newton County, who were among students attending the July 2 orientation session. In addition to advance registering for fall classes and being treated to lunch, orientation participants meet with various administrators, faculty and staff, and learn of the wide variety of academic and social opportunities available at East Central. An additional orientation session is scheduled Saturday, August 8. Fall day classes begin Monday, August 17. For more information contact the Dean of Students Office, ECCC, Decatur, Miss. 39327, or call the College's new toll free number, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 204. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL ✓
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 7-20-98



Everett attends EC activites

Blake Everett (left) of Scott Central High School was among area students who attended orientation activities held July 2 at East Central Community College in Decatur. Everett is shown receiving assistance in planning his fall semester class semester from ECCC faculty member Bruce Guraedy. In addition to registering for fall classes, students attending orientation learn of the various academic and social opportunities available at East Central.

McWilliams attends orientation

Jessica McWilliams (left) of Forest was among area students who attended orientation activities held July 2 at East Central Community College in Decatur. McWilliams is shown receiving assistance in planning her fall semester class schedule from ECCC faculty member Alice Pouncey. In addition to registering for fall classes, students attending orientation learn of the various academic and social opportunities available on the Decatur campus.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENG _____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL _____

CLARION-LEDGER _____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT _____

NEWTON RECORD _____

MERIDIAN STAR _____

WEEK OF 7-20-98

ECCC orientation held

Jim Easterling (right) of Morton was among area students who attended orientation activities held July 2 at East Central Community College in Decatur. Easterling is shown receiving assistance in planning his fall semester class schedule from ECCC faculty member Ron Davis. In addition to registering for fall classes, students attending orientation learn of the various academic and social opportunities available at East Central.

Comans attends ECCC orientation

Dusty Comans (left) of Sebastopol was among those attending orientatio activities held Saturday, June 20, at East Central Community College Decatur. Heating and Air Conditioning Technology instructor Lester Miles shown assisting Comans with his fall semester class schedule. During orienta tion, students advance register for fall classes and learn of the many academ ic, social and personal opportunities available at East Central. Additional se sions will be held Saturday, August 8. Fall day classes begin Monday, Augu 17. For more information contact the Dean of Students' Office, ECC Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 204, or toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER _____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL _____

CLARION-LEDGER _____

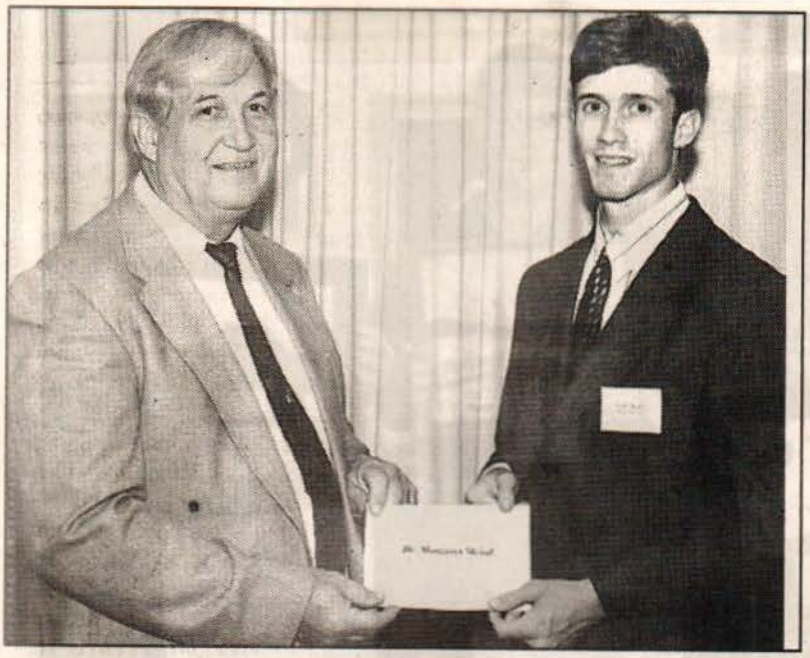
CARTHAGINIAN _____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT _____

NEWTON RECORD _____

MERIDIAN STAR _____

WEEK OF 7-13-98



Receives Mosal Scholarship

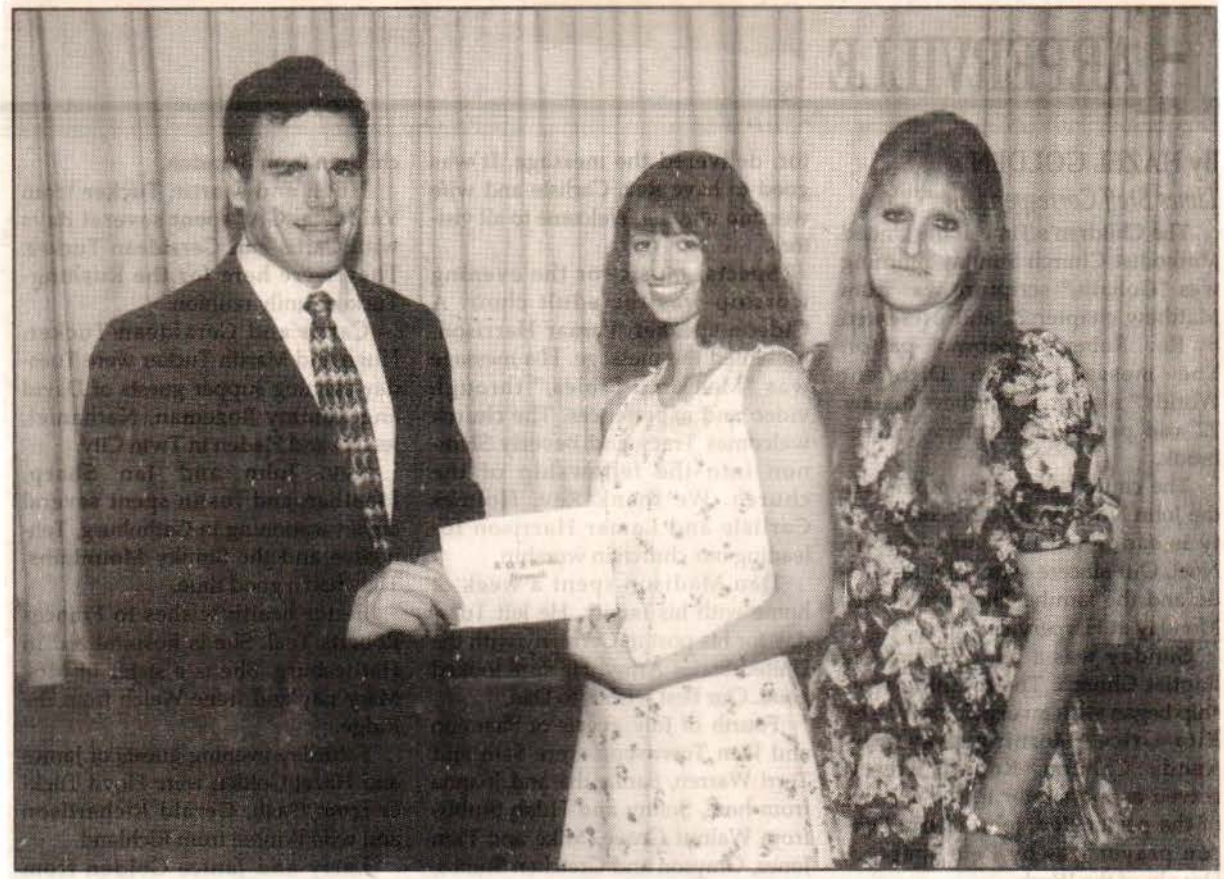
Philip Smith, right, of Philadelphia was recently presented the Dr. Margaret Mosal Memorial Scholarship for Leadership to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from ECCC Math Division Chairman Dr. Shelby Harris who provided funding to help establish the annual award. Dr. Mosal, now deceased, resided in Canton and served 50 years as executive director of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of two-year colleges. Dr. Harris, who co-sponsors East Central's Theta Xi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa with Mrs. Ann Burkes, earlier received a Mosal Leadership Award stipend from the international organization. Smith, who recently completed his freshman year at East Central, was selected to serve as regional president of Phi Theta Kappa for 1998-99.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ✓
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 7-13-98



Rushing is Hannah Scholarship recipient

Sebastopol High School graduate Angela Rushing is the 1998 recipient of the R.O. and Bertha Hannah Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from Randall E. Lee, ECCC dean of students. Also pictured is the scholarship recipient's mother, Barbara Rushing. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus. The Hannah Scholarship was established in 1991 by the Forest couple's four sons - Tom, Robert, Ray and Ted - all of whom attended East Central.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES ✓
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 7-13-98

EC memorial awards

These East Central Community College students received Faculty Memorial Awards at the College's annual "Awards Day" program held recently on the Decatur campus. Honorees include (seated, from left) Rhett Rivers of Union, J. Wallace Bedwell Business; Donnie Fletcher, Frank M. Cross Freshman Chemistry, and Betina Latiker, General William Patrick Wilson General Academic, both of Carthage; and (standing, from left) Lori Darsy of Hickory, Frank Edwin and Nena Holt Leatherwood Biology Science' Cody Fisher of Union, J. Andy Miller Freshman Engineering; and Julie Laird of Lake, Charles E. Pennington Business Technology. Not pictured is Josh Bamberg of Decatur, Robert G. Fick Memorial.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN ✓
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 7-13-98

All-American Collegiate Scholar

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Uwe Dotzauer of Landau, Germany has been named an All-American Collegiate Scholar.

The USAA has established the All-American Collegiate Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Collegiate Scholars must earn a 3.3, or higher, grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school official or other qualified sponsor are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the USAA. These are awards few students can ever hope to attain.

Uwe Dotzauer, who attends ECCC, was nominated for this national award by (Dr. Harris) Phi Theta Kappa.

Uwe Dotzauer will appear in the All-American Collegiate Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, winners of the All-American Collegiate Awards should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

UWE Dotzauer is the son of Waltraud and Hans Dotzauer from Landau, Germany. The grandparents are Auguste and Eugen Dotzauer of Landau, Germany and Emilie Maier and Ettig of Landau, Germany.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 7-13-98

Events

ATTEND ECCC KIDS' COLLEGE - These youngsters recently participated in a creative arts and crafts class at East Central Community College in Decatur. The class was held as a part of ECCC's annual Kids' College. Pictured are (first row, from left) Clyde Anderson of Hernando; Caleb Frink and Austin Scoggin, both of Decatur; John Everett, Jessica Lucovich and Allison Lucovich, all of Meridian; Anna Lucovich of Carthage and Hailey Peterson of Forest; (second row, from left) Aaron Scoggin of Decatur; Zack Deaton of Philadelphia; Charlotte Watkins of Decatur; Anna Laurie Ezelle of Pearl; Kelsie Prather of Union; Kelsi Knight of Lamar; Hillary Horton of Clearwater, Florida; Lauren Smith of Arlington, Texas; Claudia Still of Forest; and Cali Underwood of Decatur; and (back row, from left) Ryan Ezelle of Pearl; Anthony Williams and Vinnie Tucker, both of Decatur; Rusty Belenchia and Kasie Loper, both of Union; Kirby Keith of Decatur; Lydia Lovett of Davis California; and Mandi King of Carthage. ECCC art instructor Bruce Guraedy served as instructor. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 7-13-98

ECCC Orientation

DECATUR--A fourth orientation session for students planning to attend East Central Community College this fall will be held Wednesday, July 8 on the Decatur campus, announced Randell E. Lee, dean of students. Registration begins at 8 a.m. in the Vickers Fine Arts Center.

Lee said the College's orientation program is designed to inform students about the academic process and familiarize them with the College campus. In addition, students will be able to advance register for fall classes and learn of the wide variety of academic, social and personal opportunities available at East Central.

To complete an orientation session, students should have the following information on file in the Office of Admissions, Records and Research: (1) application for admission; (2) ACT scores (for academic and technical students only-not applicable to vocational

See "ECCC" next page

ECCC

continued from page 10

students); (3) high school transcript; and (4) college transcript(s) for transfer students.

The only cost to attend orientation is $50 which is applied toward fees for the fall term. (For students who have documented financial aid, the $50 fee is waived.) Students are encouraged to pay all fees before August 10; otherwise they will be required to attend the final fall registration on August 14.

Parents are also encouraged to attend the orientation program and join students for a complimentary lunch in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

An additional orientation session is scheduled Saturday, August 8.

Fall day classes begin Monday, August 17.

For more information contact Student Services, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, or call the College's new toll free number, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 204.

ECCC
WITH YOU IN MIND

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER ✓
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER
CARTHAGINIAN
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF 7-13-98

EC orientation

Joseph Yalian (left) of Carthage was among area students who attended orientation activities held July 2 at East Central Community College in Decatur. Yalian is shown receiving assistance in planning his fall semester class schedule from ECCC faculty member Conrad Germany. Another session will be Saturday, August 8. Fall day classes begin Monday, August 17.

13 countians attend EC orientation July 2

Numerous students from Leake County attended Orientation activities held July 2 at East Central Community College in Decatur.

During orientation, students advance register for fall classes and learn of the wide variety of academic, social and personal opportunities available on the Decatur campus.

Participants included Wendy Hester, Erin John, Cissy Johnston, Lasonya Kincaid, Shaunda Lang, Meredith McDonald, Carrie Mowdy, Ryan Quick, Amy Richmond, Summer Scarborough and Joseph Yalian, all of Carthage; and Ivory Bowie and Juanita Chisolm, both of Lena.

An additional orientation session is scheduled Saturday, August 8.

Fall day classes begin Monday, August 17.

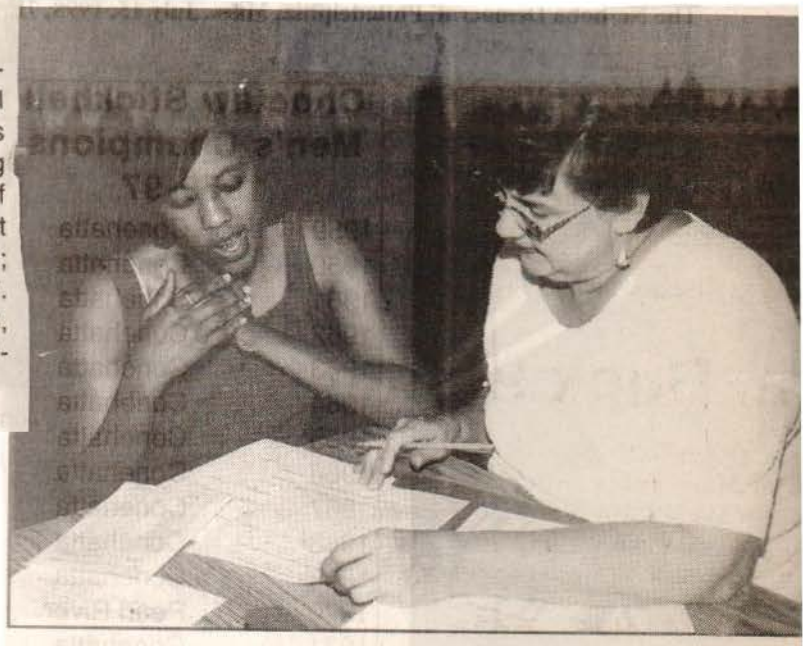
For more information contact the Dean of Students Office, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 204, or call toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 204.

APPEARED IN:
LAKE MESSENGER ✓
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES
UNION APPEAL
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL
CLARION-LEDGER
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT
NEWTON RECORD
MERIDIAN STAR

WEEK OF 7-13-98

Jones attends ECCC orientation

Brandon Jones (right) of Neshoba Central was among those attending orientation activities held Saturday, June 20, at East Central Community College in Decatur. Drafting instructor Polly Mayes is shown assisting Jones with his fall semester class schedule. During orientation, students advance register for fall classes and learn of the many academic, social and personal opportunities available at East Central. Additional sessions will be held Wednesday, July 15; and Saturday, August 8. Fall day classes begin Monday, August 17. For more information contact the Dean of Students' Office, ECCC, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 204, or toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC. (EC Photo)



Attends ECCC orientation

Tanequa Kirkland, left, of Neshoba Central was among those attending orientation activities held Saturday, June 20, at East Central Community College in Decatur. Speech/theater instructor Lila Hunt is shown assisting Kirkland with her fall semester class schedule. During orientation, students advance register for fall classes and learn of the many academic, social and personal opportunities available at East Central. Additional sessions will be held Wednesday, July 15; and Saturday, Aug. 8. Fall day classes begin Monday, August 17. For more information contact the Dean of Students' Office, ECCC, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 204, or toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL_____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____
CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ✓
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 7-13-98

Attends ECCC Orientation

Esther Stovall, left, of Philadelphia was among area students who attended orientation activities held July 2 at East Central Community College in Decatur. Stovall is shown receiving assistance in planning her fall semester class schedule from ECCC faculty member Gloria McRae. In addition to registering for fall classes, students attending orientation learn of the various academic and social opportunities available at East Central. Additional orientation sessions are scheduled Wednesday, July 15; and Saturday, August 8. Fall day classes begin Monday, August 17. For more information contact the Dean of Students Office, ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327 or call the College's new toll free number, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 204.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ✓
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 7-13-98

Area students attend ECCC orientation

Numerous students from Neshoba County attended Orientation activities held July 2 at East Central Community College in Decatur.

During orientation, students advance register for fall classes and learn of the wide variety of academic, social and personal opportunities available on the Decatur campus.

Participants included Heather Anderson, Obie Burrage, Chris Copeland, Mandy Davis, Mike Dearing, Jeremy Files, Melody Haggard, Carmen Hardy, Debbie Harris, Marcus Johnson, Justin Jones, Brooke Kennedy;

Franklin Ketcher, Adam Mann, Kimberly McKinion, Rebecca McNally, Jason Miller, Brandi Parker, Prentiss Sellers, Marissa Shannon, Esther Stovall, Jimmy Strait, Ashley Vines, Amanda Watkins and Kevin Willis Sr., all of Philadelphia.

Additional orientation sessions are scheduled Wednesday, July 15; and Saturday, Aug. 8.

Fall day classes begin Monday, Aug. 17.

For more information contact the Dean of Students Office, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327. Ph 635-2111, ext. 204, or call toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 204.

Attends ECCC Orientation

Brooke Kennedy, left, of Philadelphia was among area students who attended orientation activities held July 2 at East Central Community College in Decatur. Kennedy is shown receiving assistance in planning her fall semester class schedule from ECCC faculty member Maxine McKee. In addition to registering for fall classes, students attending orientation learn of the various academic and social opportunities available at East Central. Additional orientation sessions are scheduled Wednesday, July 15; and Saturday, August 8. Fall day classes begin Monday, August 17. For more information contact the Dean of Students Office, ECCC, Decatur, Miss. 39327 or call the College's new toll free number, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222).

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER _____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES _____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL _____

CLARION-LEDGER _____

CARTHAGINIAN _____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ✓

NEWTON RECORD _____

MERIDIAN STAR _____

WEEK OF 7-13-98

ATTEND ECCC ORIENTATION - Nontraditional students Barbara Ivey (seated at left) of Newton and Dorothy Federick (standing at left) of Lawrence and Joan Mulford of Union attended orientation activities held July 2 at East Central Community College in Decatur and are shown discussing their fall semester class schedule with ECCC faculty member Dr. Lisa McMillan. Additional orientation sessions are scheduled Wednesday, July 15; and Saturday, August 8. Fall day classes begin Monday, August 17. For more information regarding educational opportunities for adult students, contact the Office of Adult of continuing Education, ECCC, Decatur, Miss. 39327 or call the College's new toll free number, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222) ext. 278. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD ✓
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 7-13-98

Attend ECCC Orientation....Among area students who attended the July 2 orientation session at East Central Community College in Decatur included Kelly Rigdon (third from left) and Elizabeth Herrington, both of Union, who are shown discussing their fall semester class schedules with ECCC faculty members Pattie Davis (left) and Dr. Bettye Sue Hennington. In addition to registering for fall classes, students attending orientation learn of the wide variety of academic and social opportunities available at East Central. Additional orientation sessions are scheduled Wednesday, July 15; and Saturday, August 8. Fall day classes begin Monday, August 17. For more information contact the Dean of Students Office, ECCC, Decatur, Miss. 39327 or call the College's new toll free number, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 204. (EC Photo)

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL ✓
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 7-6-98

EC orientation attracts countians

Numerous students from Leake County attended orientation activities held June 20 at East Central Community College in Decatur.

During orientation, students advance register for fall classes and learn of the wide variety of academic, social personal opportunities available on the Decatur campus.

Participants included Carrie Beavers, Anita Bell, Jessica Blan, Laurie Cockroft, Jacqueline Coward, Rabe' Crosby, Joey Dorman, Janet Flowers, Timothy Gaddis, Alesha Gomillion,

Todd Greenlee, Christopher Harrell, Jamie Johnson, Eric Jones, Tammy Keen, Linda Lawler, Kenny Lilly, Belita May, Greg McKay, Fredrick McDonald, Kristi Moore, Jessica Nazary, Jewett Perkins, Cory Rawson, Jamie Roebuck,

Christy Rushing, Michelle Smith, Tenisha Smith, Kristi Stevenson, Melinda Stewart, Melissa Stewart, Tiffany Mizell Titus, Michael Wilcher and Marian Wilder, all of Carthage; James Brown and Jody Johnson, both of Lena; and James Bryan of Madden.

Additional orientation sessions are scheduled Thursday, July 2; Wednesday, July 15; and Saturday, August 8.

Fall day classes begin Monday, August 17.

For more information contact the Dean of Students Office, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 204, or call toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 204.

EC orientation

Alex Dees (right) of Leake Academy was among those attending orientation activities held Saturday, June 20, at East Central Community College in Decatur. ECCC speech instructor Juanita West is shown assisting Dees with his fall semester class schedule.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN ✓

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 7-6-98

Gomillion visits EC

Alesha Gomillion (right) of Carthage was among those attending orientation activities held Saturday, June 20, at East Central Community College in Decatur. Academic counselor Michael Alexander is shown assisting Gomillion with her fall class schedule.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN ✓

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 7-6-98

ATTEND ECCC ORIENTATION - Newton County Academy students (from left) Sasya Champion, LeAnn Stampley and LaBreeska Chesney were among those attending orientation activities held Saturday, June 20, at East Central Community College in Decatur. During orientation, students advance register for fall classes and learn of the many academic, social and personal opportunities available at East Central. Additional sessions will be held Wednesday, July 15; and Saturday, August 8. Fall day classes begin Monday, August 17.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD ✓

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 7-6-98

Orientation / enrollment

Area students attend ECCC orientation

Numerous students from Neshoba County attended Orientation activities held June 20 at East Central Community College in Decatur.

During orientation, students advance register for fall classes and learn of the wide variety of academic, social and personal opportunities available on the Decatur campus.

Participants included Thomas Allen, Wendy Belk, Amee Brackin, Amanda Chaney, Wendy Cheatham, Alex Dees, Odessa Denson, Raquel Farmer, Gary Hall, Jonathan Hardy, Josh Hardy, Dominic Hernandez, Robert Hodgins, Brandon Jones, Tanequa Kirkland, Spence Latimer, Thomas Madison, James McMillian, Lacey McBeath, Donald Nance, Melissa Pendergrass, Dana Snow, Tina Swinney, Joseph Tingle, Cheree Turner, Justin Webb, William Whatley, Natasha Williams, Daniel Willis, Morgan Yarbrough and Robin Zieminick, all of Philadelphia.

Additional orientation sessions are scheduled Wednesday, July 15; and Saturday, Aug. 8.

Fall day classes begin Monday, August 17.

For more information contact the Dean of Students Office, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph 635-2111, ext. 204, or call toll free, 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222), ext. 204.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT ✓
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 7-6-98

Awards

Ming receives Eubanks award

Laura Ming of Louisville was recently presented the 1998 Leon Eubanks KALJYC-PEERS Leadership Award to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from Larry Hogue, ECCC Director of Development and Alumni Relations. Also pictured is the honoree's mother, Teresa Ming.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL ✓
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 7-6-98

Scholarships

Receives Dallas scholarship

Neshoba Central High School graduate Justin Clearman is the 1998 recipient of the Fred Preston and Maudie Threatt Dallas Memorial Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur. The outstanding student is shown receiving the award from family members Pauline Dallas Chadwell (left) of Meridian and Mrs. Winifred Davis of Enterprise. The presentation was made at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on the Decatur campus.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT___✓___

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF Feb 18, 1998

ECCC Men's tennis team

These students are members of the men's tennis team at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (left to right) Matt Stovall of Philadelphia, Chris Waggoner of Carthage, Uwe Dotzauer of Landau, Germany, Brian Shaw of Forest, Steve Woitt of Carthage, Mark Suwinski of Forest and coach Marty Cooper. Season action begins in Decatur Thursday, February 26, against Southwest.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____

SCOTT COUNTY TIMES X

UNION APPEAL _____

WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____

CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____

NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____

NEWTON RECORD_____

MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 6-1-98

East Central Community College tennis award winners are, from left, Paula Crawford (Most Improved), Uwe Dotzauer (Most Improved), Brian Sistrunk (Most Valuable), and Lisa Chesney (Most Valuable). The Lady Warriors finished seventh in the state tournament, while the Warriors came in tenth.

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL ✓
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN_____
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____

WEEK OF 9-24-98

ECCC announces homecoming tennis

Alumni and current students of East Central Community College in Decatur are encouraged to participate in the annual Homecoming Tennis Tournament scheduled Oct. 5-8, 1998.

Deadline to enter is noon Wednesday, Sept. 30, 1998.

Tournament director Mike Anderson said all matches will be held during evening hours on the college tennis courts.

Competition includes women's and men's singles and doubles divisions.

Anderson said participants may enter only one area of competition and must be either a former or current ECCC student.

Entry fee is a new can of tennis balls which should be furnished prior to the start of each match.

Award winners will be recognized and presented trophies during the alumni luncheon which begins at noon Saturday, Oct. 10, as part of the annual Homecoming festivities.

To enter the tournament and receive additional information call the college at 635-2111, ext. 310 or toll free 1-877-GO-2-ECCC (1-877-462-3222).

APPEARED IN:

LAKE MESSENGER_____
SCOTT COUNTY TIMES_____
UNION APPEAL _____
WINSTON COUNTY JOURNAL_____
CLARION-LEDGER_____

CARTHAGINIAN ✓
NESHOBA DEMOCRAT_____
NEWTON RECORD_____
MERIDIAN STAR_____